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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

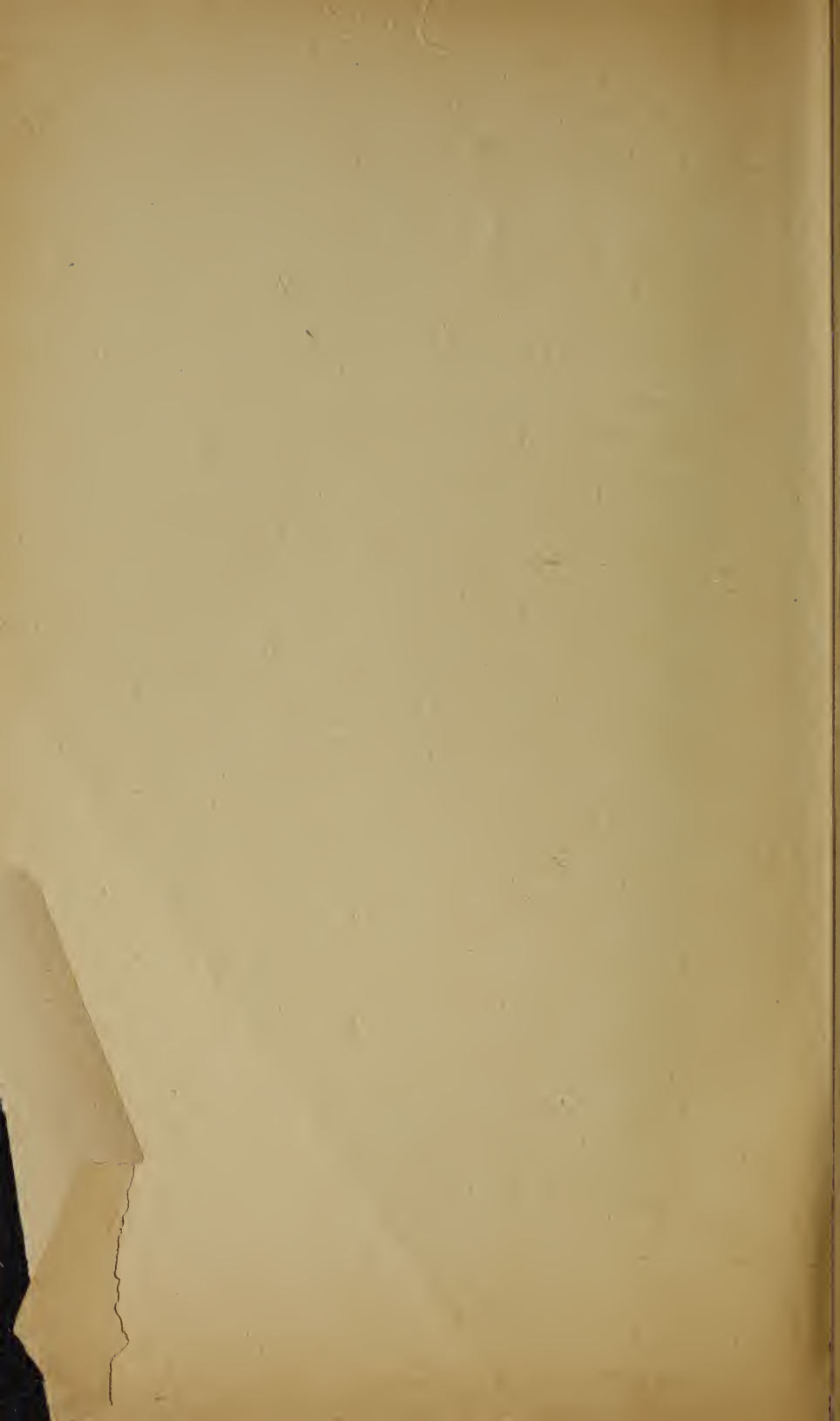
Town of Palmer

AND OF THE

**Receipts and Expenditures for the
Year Ending December 30, 1916.**

**PALMER, MASS.
THE JOURNAL PRINT.**

1917.



Town Officers ---1916

Selectmen

H. W. BRAINERD, Chairman.

CHARLES D. HOLDEN,

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN

Assessors

CHARLES E. FULLER,

Term expires 1917

JOHN O. HAMILTON,

Term expires 1918

R. E. CUMMINGS,

Term expires 1919

Overseers of the Poor

FRANK J. HAMILTON,

Term expires 1917

DR. CHARLES GIROUX,

Term expires 1918

PATRICK J. FITZGERALD,

Term expires 1919

Town Clerk, 3 Years

JOHN F. FOLEY,

Term expires 1918

Town Treasurer

GEORGE E. CLOUGH.

School Committee

JAMES WILSON,

Term expires 1917

SAMUEL E. THAYER,

Term expires 1917

WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,

Term expires 1918

DR. JOHN F. ROCHE,

Term expires 1918

JOHN F. SHEA,

Term expires 1919

DR. GEORGE A. MOORE,

Term expires 1919

Board of Health

DR. SAMUEL O. MILLER,

Term expires 1917

WILLARD C. HITCHCOCK,

Term expires 1918

DR. JACOB P. SCHNEIDER,

Term expires 1919

Tax Collector

JAMES AUSTIN HAWKES.

Cemetery Commissioners

DAVID L. BODFISH,	Term expires 1917
SAMUEL M. PHILLIPS,	Term expires 1918
LEWIS R. HOLDEN,	Term expires 1919

AuditorsEVERETT W. CARPENTER,
CHARLES K. GAMWELL**Highway Surveyor**

DANIEL W. DILLON.

License CommissionersJOHN S. WELSH, WILLIAM BURDICK,
PATRICK H. GARVEY.**Constables**GEORGE A. BILLS, MICHAEL COLLINS,
JOHN F. MANSFIELD, EDWARD F. McKELLIGOTT,
THOMAS W. HOLT.**Tree Warden**

DANIEL W. DILLON.

Fence ViewersJOSEPH M. ALLEN, DENNIS MAHONEY,
ARTHUR F. BENNETT.**Field Drivers**

PURLIN M. SHEARER, JAMES SUMMERS.

Measurers of Wood and BarkJOSEPH M. ALLEN, FRANK E. ALBRO,
ARTHUR D. BRAMBLE

Town Clerk's Report

RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1916

Number of births,	344
deaths,	142
marriages,	102
marriage certificates issued,	98
chattel mortgages,	15
assignment of wages,	1
discharge of mortgage,	4

DOGS.

Total number,	373
Males, and spayed females	334
Females,	39
Paid County Treasurer	\$788.40

RETURN OF BIRTHS, 1916

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Jan. 2	Dulcie L.,	Harold L. and Anna Lewis
2	Robert C.,	E. Robert and Lilia A. Barton
3	.....	Andrew and Betty Lindquest
3	Alexander,	Isidore and Bertha Bounc
3	Stanislaw,	John and Annie Korzec
3	Mary,	John and Tekla Pyocka
4	Elsie C.,	Joseph and Mary Laplant
6	.....	Albert and Ruth Capen
8	Venda,	Wadeslaw and Ellena Gruchlinski
8	Mary N.,	Robert K. and Charlotte Squier
8	Jane H.,	Julian C. and Grace T. Carey
9	Emilda,	Louis and Celina Morin
10	Anita F.,	Willard and Olive Sedgwick

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	13 Oren,	John P. and Martha C. Smith
	13 Homer L.	E. Stanley and Esther W. Parker
	13 Edward,	Felix and Kate Seigle
	16 Victoria,	Albert and Mary Szabla
	17 Rysard,	Joseph and Helen Michalski
	17 Elmer,	Edmund and Victoria Yambrose
	17 Eugene,	Henry and Mary Giboleau
	17 Eddie,	Adam and Agnes Wilk
	19 Iona,	James and Mary Smith
	20 Albert,	Joseph and Ludwika Hrymciwicz
	21 John J.	James P. and Daisy M. Dooley
	22 Adolphe,	Wojciech and Magdalena Socha
	24 Joseph P.	Mathias and Victoria Socha
	25 Victoria,	Stanislas and Mary Parda
	25 John,	Joseph and Agnes Lapka
	26 Michael,	Peter and Apolonia Bigda
	29 Esther,	Theron O. and Effie M. Beals
	29 Helen L.,	Edward G. and Lillian R. Hubert
	21 William B.	William B. and Margaret Kerigan
Feb.	1 Doris,	Earl and Jennie Rochford
	3 Edward,	Thomas and Felica Kolish
	3 Margaret,	Louis and Donalda Brôuilette
	4 Fred,	Fred L., and Anna Walker
	3 Julia,	Paganietz and Katarzyna Offlega
	6 Victoria,	Leon and Marguerite Breck
	6 Mary E.,	Michael and Nellie Egan
	9 Bronisla,	Julian and Mary Witkowski
	10 Doris M.,	Frances and Nellie E. Brow
	11 Aggie,	Martin and Christina Karlon
	14 Walda,	Joseph and Bridget Zamlewish
	16 George,	Frances and Marie A. Rivert
	16 Isidore,	Treffe and Elzise Benoit
	18 Belle,	Wilson and Jane Dunlap
	21 Joseph,	Stanislaw and Katy Kobel
	21 Richard,	Guy B. and Evelyb Barnes
	22 George W.,	Dennis and Odna Fenton
	27 Helena D.,	Fred and Jennie Carlson
	27 Margaret E.,	Jacob P. and Margaret M. Schneider
	27 Joseph J. A.,	Edward and Edwardina Harnois
	27 Emelia,	Albert and Karolyn Augustyn
	28 Ludwik,	Antoni and Zophia Bernade
	29 Geinka,	Anthony and Julia Kos

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Mar.	3	
	4 Mary,	Peter and Bronislawa Skeze
	4 Ellen,	Ignacy and Mary Tezernski
	5 Ruth L.	Clifford L. and Marguerite Ellithorp
	5 Raymond E.,	Abraham and Christina Ramaden
	8 John,	Andrew and Mary Luska
	8 Annie,	Adam and Mary Hrnuk
	9 Ruby G.,	David and Ida J. Jackson
	11 Leonard J.,	Joseph J. and Mary M. Collins
	11 Peter H.,	Arvid O. and Alice P. Swanson
	11 Lucy E.,	Fred A. and Grace E. Capen
	17 Helen L.,	Charles and Julia Coombs
	21 Zophia,	John and Katarzyna Mazka
	21 Anna V.,	Howard B. and Hazel F. King
	21 Mary,	Andrew and Katy Pawol
	22 Doris H.,	Albert and Mary L. Fountain
	22 Kenneth T.,	Ambrose and Margaret St. George
	24 Ingrid E.,	Elis and Helfred Anderson
	24 Edward,	Albert and Katy Zebroski
	25 Herman A.,	Herman and Nellie Koehler
	27 Marie A.,	Antoine and Rose A. Champagne
	29 Mary,	Toney and Victoria Darunski
	30 Ellen,	Valenti and Mary Wachowski
	30 Frank W.,	Frank W. and Anna Haskins
	19	
	24 Rosy,	Charles and Frances Baroni
	22 Margaret E.,	Arthur J. and Nora Gloster
Apr.	1 Helen,	Thomas W. and Bridget Mansfield
	1 Carl A.,	Carl T. and Hilda Carlson
	3 John,	Joseph and Annie Miga
	4	
	5 Annie,	John and Julie Skowera
	5 William R.,	William T. and Edna Maitrow
	6 Leon C.,	Arsene and Ora Paquette
	8 Zophia,	Anthony and Mary Demitrol
	9	
	9 Florence J.,	Domina and Landias Dubriel
	12 Andrez,	Thomas and Mary Wilkiwiez
	12 Antoinette V.,	Louis and Angelina Varone
	12 Joseph,	Wadeslaf and Mary Kolish
	13 George A.,	Tice and Hattie Steele
	13 Phillis,	Thomas W. and Margaret Cole
	13 Virginie M.,	William H. and Virginie Hemphill

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	14 Myrtle B.,	Grover C. and Lena M. Smith
	14 Peter,	Albert and Bronislawa Kos
	14 Stanislaus,	John and Agnes Petruski
	16 Israel E.,	Arthur and Lilian Laplante
	17 Veronica,	Lovesty and Katarzyna Michesczyk
	18 Zophie,	Michael and Tekla Mazka
	18 Anthony,	Wadeslaf and Salma Rutorski
	18 Frank,	Ignace and Veronica Zenovak
	19 Thomas,	Adam and Karolina Kebenski
	22 Stanislaus,	Daniel and Mary Wojiech
	23 Bronislaus,	Bronislaus and Annie Parda
	26 John,	Stanislaus and Zophie Koval
	26 Joseph,	Frank and Vincenta Stephens
	26 Edward J.,	Joseph and Kate Janik
	27 Sophie,	John and Mary Moratsky
	28 Stanislaus,	Albert and Mary Kapinos
	29 Mary R. R.,	Wilfred and Rose Henrichon
	29 Sophie,	Stanley and Rose Poliego
May	1 Dorris R.	Frederick and Dorena Reil
	2 Helen,	Joseph and Mary Purda
	3 Francis W.,	William H. and Susan E. Moore
	5 Russell J.,	Daniel J. and Mary E. Connor
	6 Joseph,	Bronislaw and Antholina Serakofka
	7 Stanislaw L.,	Ladislav and Katy Karzenki
	8 Reginald A.,	Garfield and Cora Johnson
	9 Ludwika,	Martin and Yadviga Pielk
	10 Mary,	Joseph and Annie Chandorski
	10 Carl,	Joseph and Josephine Leska
	12 William,	William and Mary Scarborough
	12 Antonia,	Michael and Angelina De Martin
	13 Lilian May.	Alfred and Georgianna Bonneville
	15 William,	Joseph and Emelia Cadieux
	15 Anthony,	Joseph and Margaret Korzek
	17 Reginald H.,	Napoleon and Lucie Ouimette
	19 Stanislaus,	Albert and Annie Zomak
	19 Eva,	John and Mary Lesniak
	20 Joseph A.,	Euclide and Alida Lefevre
	21 Ellen,	Michael and Annie Koniski
	22 Blanche O.,	Henry and Gladys Ellis
	24 John,	Antoni and Ludvika Sasur
	26 Felix M.,	Felix and Irene Trembley
	26 Sophia,	William and Josephat Kolish
	29 Joseph A. A.,	Joseph and Christina Sicard

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	29 Christina H.,	Richard and Mary Livingston
	22 Nancy	Ralph and Pauline Dasco
	30	
June	1 John,	Ignace and Petrucia Kimaloski
	2 Romeo,	Romeo and Marie L. Lafranchise
	3 Ellen,	John and Zophie Ankiewicz
	3 George H.,	George and Elizabeth Belisle
	4 Stephania	Peter and Victoria Moura
	5 Joseph,	Kazimier and Josie Lech
	8	
	9 Mathilda,	John and Veronica Topor
	11 Stanislaw A.,	Anthony and Annie Jerwatosky
	11 Rene W. J.,	Adelard and Rose Ouimette
	13 Madeline,	August and Mary Ammann
	13 Alexandria,	Alex and Ellena Orluk
	13	
	15 Louis,	Anthony and Katy Jorczak
	15 Frank F.,	Tony and Mattie Ferdinand
	15 Anthony,	Michael and Barbara Valiska
	17 Clayton,	Henry and Helen Green
	23 John,	Joseph and Ellen Kohanek
	24 Marie R. A.,	David and Marie L. Gebo
	25 Gilbert,	David and Catherine Belisle
	25 Ellen,	Constantaine and Wadeslawa Gregorczk
	25 Joseph L.,	Joseph and Amelia Renaud
	28 Jessie S.,	James and Isabel A. Shepard
	28 Leo J.,	Charles and Elizabeth Coyer
	28 Kora M.	John and Julia Wapa
	27 Luana M.	Harry E. and Iva Steele
July	1 Ludwig,	Jacob and Mary Duga
	1 Edwin,	Ignace and Anna Yanuski
	2 Czeslaw,	John and Barbara Salomon
	5 Joseph,	Michael and Josepha Workon
	6 Antoni,	Clemence and Rosalia Mudza
	7 Gladys L.,	Walter and Annie Worth
	7 William E.,	Thomas and Anna Vennert
	9 Henry J.,	Joseph and Bronislaa Les
	9 Mary,	Bolesaf and Alexandria Lamenski
	9 Rose,	Pawel and Honorata Smola
	9 Katarzyna,	Sylvester and Honorata Zimney
	10 Charles A.,	Arthur and Nellie Fountain
	11 Melvin R.,	Hugh and Annie Fulton
	12 Janet H.	Louis and Mabel Worthington

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	12 Josepha M.,	Frank and Emelia Salomon
	17 Wadeslawa,	Felix and Zophie Woleva
	17 Corbin W. A.,	Allison and Elsie Lyon
	18 Annie,	Augustyn and Antholonia Tourck
	19 Joseph A. A.,	Joseph L. and Eva Renaud
	22 Eric,	Eric and Sallie Allen
	23 Ignace J.,	Thomas and Katarzyna Robek
	23 Wadeslaf,	Michael and Katy Magera
	23 Ida,	Manuel and Maria Arsias
	30 Mary K.,	Martin and Tekla Gula
	29 Lois D.,	Israel and Catharina Brooks
	30 Alexander,	Fred and Sophia Garvey
	31 Nellie V.,	Louis and Katarzyna Sinola
Aug.	1 Joseph F.,	Albert and Josephine Jordan
	3 Stella,	Peter and Alice Kolish
	4 Normand A. H.,	Andrew and Adelle Fredette
	4 Mary,	Lawrence and Josie Novak
	4 Wadeslaf,	Ludwig and Annie Bolduga
	5 John,	Victor and Mary Mynies
	6 Edward,	Charles and Frances Zisk
	7 Annie,	John and Zophie Stachowicz
	7 Gordon E.,	Nelson and Mabel L. Jones
	8 Louis,	Albert and Apolonia Swist
	8 Catherina,	Wadeslaw and Zophie Ruchietzka
	9 Frank A.,	Stephen H. and Emily Brock
	10 Maria J.,	Wladaslaw and Katy Szosek
	12 Raymond G.	Ernest and Emma Gay
	15 John,	Frank and Katie Staniak
	15 Mary,	Simeon and Annie Brojek
	16 George E.,	George and Blanche Rogers
	16 John,	Michael and Sophia Huwior
	16 Boleslaw,	Michael and Anna Novak
	19 Anna,	John and Mary Broski
	20 Katarzyna,	John and Annilla Wilga
	21 Francis A.,	Joseph and Mary Mater
	22 Valerka,	Michael and Mary Todroski
	23 Marie B. L.	William and Elizabeth Picotte
	23 Ernest N.,	Anthony and Sarah Costa
	23 .....	.
	24 Jennie P.,	Herbert E. and Anna D. Johnson
	24 Stanislaus,	Frank and Mary Jamrok
	25 Doris P.,	Fred J. and Ida Huffman
	25 Walter P.,	John and Victoria Zerdecki

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	26 Sophia A.,	Albert and Honorata Kolbusz
	27	Elton I. and Marie H. Herrick
	27 Michislef,	John and Katy Kuznia
	28 Chester E.,	Einan and Beulah Vik
	28 Edward,	Staney and Anna Banki
	30 Napoleon E.,	Louis and Alexina Deslaurier
Sept.	1 Carolina,	John and Franciska Mastalish
	2 Stephen,	Tadeusz and Mary Monietz
	3 Stanly,	Joseph and Cora Koddkoska
	3 Stephania,	Antony and Mary Stolas
	4 Lester B.,	George and Dora Steele
	4 Stanislaus,	Wadeslaf and Mary Olezarczk
	7 Wadeslaf L.,	John and Julia Yapiga
	7 John,	Joseph and Annie Kubasa
	7 Joseph D. F.,	Joseph J. and Jennie F. Hill
	8 Joseph,	Stanislas and Emelia Polonski
	8 Joseph,	Martin and Paulina Czech
	9 Marie,	Francis and Marie Fountain
	11 Wadeslaf,	Joseph and Ellen Kszepkla
	12 Mary,	Andrew and Katy Kranka
	15 Zimond,	John and Mary Zalenska
	15 Ovide,	Clinton E. and Lily Babin
	17 Arthur E.,	Albert and Marie Smith
	17 Mary,	John and Victoria Wrzensen
	18 Permelia J.,	George G. and Anna J. Allen
	18 Katarzyna A.,	Charles and Mary Wilkiewicz
	20 Steven,	Steven and Elizabeth Lusza
	20 Richard B.,	Gerard J. and Susan E. Rathbone
	21 Raymond D.,	William C. and Hazel Daley
	21 Elizabeth A.,	John and Melvina Gebo
	23 Frank,	Peter and Mary Kutlyka
	28 Gilbert R.,	Robert and Ruth Ramsey
	28 Stanislas,	Wadeslaf and Yadwiga Topor
	29 Joseph,	Frank and Annie Kovalczyk
	30 Mildred L.,	Milton J. and Martha Royce
	20 Catharine,	William and Catharine Sullivan
	20 Zofia,	Joseph and Madilene Jorczak
Oct.	1 Rose,	Martin and Mary Santucci
	1 Stanislaus,	Andrew and Julia Kozel
	1 Mila,	Andrew and Stephania Brazenski
	4 Veronica,	Albert and Zophie Orszulak
	7 Bridget,	George and Bridget Broski
	8 Andrew,	Jacob and Ellen Maciejek

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	8 Boleslaf,	George and Victoria Bellet
	8 Cecile E.,	George and Victoria Bellet
	9	
	9 Stanislaus B.,	Joseph and Antholina Kowalsyk
	9 Frank,	Walter and Mary Patrika
	13 Joseph, .	Walter and Rose Fountain
	13 Joseph,	Adam and Mary Dugae
	15 John,	Clayton and Mannie Lizack
	15 Mary,	Joseph and Agatha Koura
	15 Julia,	John and Karolina Bernart
	15 Bronislawa,	William and Tekla Soltys
	15 Wadaslaf,	John and Stanislaw Papuga
	16 Ralph F.,	Fred S. and Ethel Potter
	17 Mary,	John and Victoria Wrszegen
	17 Mary,	John and Victoria Golnorzek
	20 Elsie,	Andrew and Rose Nemeth
	22 Edwin F.,	George J. and Emma L. Gregory
	25 Ruth,	William J. and Blanche Taylor
	26 George W.,	Leo and Adelle Charron
	28 Zophie,	Edward and Julia Iszyk
	29 Charlotte S.,	Samuel and Eva Hartley
	29 George H.,	George H. and Jennie Thom
	30 Boleslas,	Stanislas and Mary Grzyzna
	30 Joseph,	Vincent and Apolonia Roman
	31 Fred,	Fred and Ora Disley
Nov.	1 Stanislaus,	Albert and Franciska Kristipik
	2 Walter,	William and Rose Goodreau
	6 Frank,	Frank and Annie Swiczetki
	7 Joseph F.,	Aime and Mary L. Schambier
	8 Edmond,	Frank and Francis Bukowski
	8 Margerey M.,	Fred and Frances A. Miller
	8 Ellena,	Frank and Theopila Smolek
	10 Sophie,	Steve and Rosie Zysk
	11 Wilhemina,	Charles H. and Anna Burns
	11 Marie A.,	Francis and Theopila Gowacz
	13 Josie,	Frank and Agnes Baslik
	15 Joseph,	Michael and Odia Chandroski
	15 Zophie,	Joseph and Annie Kamick
	15 Stanislaw,	Michael and Mary Vache
	16 Louise C.,	Sebastian and Josephine Walas
	19 Felixia,	Lawrence and Mary Vosniak
	19 John,	Frank and Bridget Cypriana
	20 Andrew,	John and Kate Tenczar

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	20 Roberta,	George and Jesse Patterson
	22 Stanie,	Stanie and Kate Olender
	26 Ellen M.,	Joseph and Katy Krol
	27 Thelis R.,	Thelis J. and Reba Deslauries
	27 Melvin,	Henry B. and Martha McCullom
	28 Devlenda,	Antoni and Joana Pedro
	28 Dorothy A.,	Philias and Bridget Belisle
	30 Marie R.,	Henry and Nellie Landry
Dec.	1 Anthony,	Wadeslaf and Annie Gowash
	1	
	2 Carolina,	Albert and Victoria Sarsiak
	7 Mary,	Joseph and Ludwiga Duda
	7 Mary,	Anthony and Zophie Purda
	9 Emelia,	Anthony and Catherine Wilk
	9	
	10	John and Jennie Whitfield
	14 Zophie,	Thomas and Annie Doyka
	15	
	18 Frank,	Boleslaw and Mary Boldyga
	18	
	18 Emelia,	Vencentis and Josephat Pavoski
	20 Mieczlaw,	John and Bronislawa Wengel
	20 Stanislaw,	Frank and Louisa Guza
	23 Janette,	Louis A. and Alma M. Fontain
	24 Sanislaw,	John and Carolina Wegrzyn
	25 Lois E.,	Alvan T. and Alice Cavanaugh
	27 Jennie,	Eustace and Anthoponia Gebroski
	27 Dorothy M.,	John and Nellie Brissette
	28 Helen,	Michael and Mary Bonacz
	28 Alvin C.,	Oliver and Elmira Rondeau

Marriages Registered in Palmer, 1916

JANUARY

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
3.	John Smith,	Palmer	Martha Lincoln,	Palmer
7.	George H. Thom,	Palmer	Jenet Herd,	Palmer
10.	Wilfred Reil,	Palmer	Louise Peltier,	Spencer
11.	John Orzechowski,	Palmer	Alexandra Organek,	Palmer
17.	Walter J. Fountain,	Palmer	Rose E. Bessette,	Thorndike
25.	Piotor Sloczock,	Thorndike	Agnes Walok,	Thorndike
25.	Frank Dabrowski,	Three Rivers	Mary Paliwoda,	Three Rivers

FEBRUARY

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
8.	Alexander Black,	Ludlow	Edna Roberts,	Bondsville
1.	Frank Bukowski,	Three Rivers	Frances Tenczar,	Three Rivers
1.	Stanislas Olender,	Palmer	Catherina Baldyga,	Thorndike
7.	Peter Patnóde,	Three Rivers	Idola Beauregard,	Three Rivers
8.	Ignatius Jacewicz,	Three Rivers	Stephania Jamlewicz,	Three Rivers
12.	Chester W. Inglehart,			
		Bridgeport, Conn.	Helen L. Fosket,	Monson, Mass.
14.	Arthur Lord,	Thorndike	Rose Malo,	Ware, Mass.
15.	Joseph Dziczak,	Thorndike	Mary Diczek,	Three Rivers
15.	Boleslas Siok,	Three Rivers	Boleslas Podsiat,	Three Rivers
16.	James W. Mahoney,	Ware	Margaret Cavanaugh,	Thorndike
21.	John Sczup,	Easthampton	Agnes Kuzo,	Bondsville
28.	Henry Smart,	Palmer	May Blanche Fortier,	Palmer
29.	John Grezorzcyk,	Three Rivers	Catharina Augustyniak,	Three Rivers

APRIL

22.	Frank F. Hopping,			
		Chatham, N. Y.	Marion W. Adams,	Palmer
30.	Guiseppe Peglinso,	Palmer	Angela M. Cecere,	Chelsea

MAY

1.	Henry J. Maynard,	Palmer	Kathleen J. Connors,	Palmer
16.	Andrew Koblarczyk,	Thorndike	Mary Czapla,	Thorndike
17.	Norman A. Gold,			
		Stafford Springs, Ct.	May Wilder,	Palmer
20.	Charles E. Kennedy,	Palmer	Olga E. Worby,	Palmer
23.	Joseph A. Ziemba,	Three Rivers	Katarzyna Cygan,	Chicopee
23.	William L. Hammerbeck,		Eunice M. Kendrick,	
		Detroit, Mich.		North Hion, N. Y.
27.	George J. Gregory,	Wales	Emma L. Johnson,	Palmer
27.	Burton W. Sweet,	Chicopee	Martha M. Moody,	Chicopee
28.	Joseph Skaza,	Bondsville	Marya D. Skaza,	Bondsville
30.	Adrien Gervais,	Three Rivers	Corona Raymond,	Three Rivers
30.	Ananie I. Brouillette,	Palmer	Violet M. Huggard,	Palmer
30.	Ladislas Jamlewicz,			
		Three Rivers	Victoria Swist,	Three Rivers
31.	Wladyslaw Pisarczyk,			
		Thorndike	Katarzyna Tyburski,	Thorndike

JUNE

5.	John Belanger,	Palmer	Elizabeth Poirier,	Ware
10.	Henry C. Morgan,	Bondsville	Olivia D. Brown,	Melrose
20.	William Crennan,	Springfield	Nora A. Lane,	Three Rivers
21.	William H. Harrington,	Palmer	Anna E. O'Connor,	Palmer
21.	Daniel V. Fogarty,		Margaret M. Moynahan,	
		Three Rivers		Three Rivers
24.	Robert J. Wilder,	Palmer	Marjorie L. Buck,	Palmer
26.	Bernard Gay,	Thorndike	Eva Riopelle,	Three Rivers

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
27.	Horace L. Hartley,	Palmer	Ethel V. Colburn,	Palmer
27.	John G. Herrick,			
	North Weare, N. H.		Emma E. Doty,	Palmer
27.	Wladyslaw Palaka,			
	Chicopee Falls		Apolonia Bigda,	Bondsville
7.	John F. Griffin,	Bondsville	Julia Shea,	Belchertown

JULY

3.	George Rogers,	Three Rivers	Blanche Chevalier,	Thorndike
5.	William F. Smith,	Palmer	Lydia C. Trumble,	Monson
11.	Alexander Popielarz,			
	Three Rivers		Frances Waskiewicz,	Three Rivers
12.	Galt F. Parsons,	Boston	Helen C. Butler,	Palmer
17.	Henry J. McAdam,	Palmer	Margaret Magee,	Three Rivers
25.	Frank Laizer, No.	Wilbraham	Anna Baldyga,	Three Rivers
27.	George H. Keith,	Thorndike	Ethel H. Pease,	Palmer
29.	Francis B. Barton,	Palmer	Bernice Hart,	Palmer

AUGUST

9.	John E. Hurley,	Palmer	Jane C. Roche,	Palmer
9.	Leon Sambroski,	Three Rivers	Mary K. Ziarko,	Ware
12.	Stanislaw Zaglawicz,			
	Three Rivers		Julia Kocjosa,	Three Rivers
15.	John Romanowski,	Chicopee	Antonina Jamrogowicz,	Thorndike
26.	William S. McGeachey,	Palmer	Lucy M. Royce,	Palmer
29.	John Kusek,	Bondsville	Sophia Gula,	Thorndike
29.	Wojciech Orzulak,			
	Three Rivers		Antonia Majka,	Ludlow

SEPTEMBER

4.	William Masse,	Three Rivers	Elide Dupont,	Three Rivers
5.	Wladislaw Gardzienski,			
	Westfield		Nellie Nowak,	Thorndike
10.	Edmund O. Mirick,	Springfield	Julia S. Dewey,	Palmer
12.	Adalbert Jaros,	Indian Orchard	Vicotria Pietras,	Bondsville
12.	Henrik Jarocki,	Bondsville	Mary Kubacka,	Bondsville
14.	James L. Holden,	Phila. Penn.	Madeline Fuller,	Palmer
18.	John L. Goulet,	Thorndike	Ida M. Desrosiers,	Ware
19.	Stanislaus Midura,	Chicopee	Bronislaa Pietros,	Bondsville
19.	Peter Kwolek,	Bondsville	Anthlonia Lebida,	Bondsville
21.	Jose Bento,	Bondsville	Maria Lopes,	Ludlow
26.	John Rusek,	Thorndike	Catherine Januszek,	Thorndike
30.	Frank M. Mulvey,	Three Rivers	Margaret Campbell,	Three Rivers
30.	Clifford A. Bassett,	Templeton	Delia Ouimette,	Three Rivers
27.	Telesphore J. Nault,	Chicopee	Ellen A. Mansfield,	Bondsville

OCTOBER

2.	Lawrence Coyer,	Three Rivers	Marion Cooley,	Three Rivers
2.	William St. George,	Palmer	Blanche Dewey,	Palmer

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
3.	John Wojtowicz, Manchester, N. H.		Anna Grela,	Palmer
13.	David D. Searle,	Three Rivers	Hortense K. Knowlton	
14.	Robert G. Plimpton,	Palmer	Luvia S. Meara,	Springfield
16.	Michael C. Smith,	Palmer	Cora M. Hummel,	Springfield
17.	Michael Starsiak,	Bondsville	Agnes Pula,	Bondsville
17.	Peter Duda,	Bondsville	Catharina Szczepanska,	Bondsville
17.	Peter Karcz,	Ludlow	Julia Pietras,	Bondsville
24.	Anthony Gorka,	Suffield, Ct.	Josepha Bigda,	Palmer
25.	George E. Smith,	Palmer	Agnes E. Cantwell,	Monson

NOVEMBER

6.	George C. Prendergast, Southbridge		Ellen M. Connor,	Southbridge
8.	Ladislaus Misiaszek, Wilbraham		Julia Szczygiel,	Three Rivers
20.	Albert J. Bosquet,	Springfield	Ora Lapolice,	Thorndike
21.	Peter Sajdera,	Three Rivers	Bronislaa Daniel,	Three Rivers
25.	Adelard J. LeBeau,	Springfield	Leah A. Lefebre,	Three Rivers
27.	Dexter E. Willard,	Monson	Mary E. Miles,	Monson
28.	Vincentius Wyrobek, Chicopee Falls		Carolina Czech,	Thorndike
28.	John E. Loft,	Springfield	Lillian Mahoney,	Springfield
28.	Wallace Roberts,	Bondsville	Lottie Smart,	Palmer
28.	Walter Clark,	Three Rivers	Susanna Sinclair,	Three Rivers
30.	Joseph M. Seipel,	Palmer	Catheleen M. Woods,	Palmer
30.	William C. Sheldon,	Palmer	Vera H. Smith,	Palmer
7.	Edward E. Douty,	Palmer	Mary E. Callahan,	Palmer

DECEMBER

15.	Alfred Dufault,	Ware	Harriet Conway,	Palmer
30.	Harold P. Beach,	Palmer	Alice E. Swartz,	Monson

Deaths Registered in Palmer, 1916

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DYS
Feb. 2	.....	..	1	22
Jan. 3	..... Lindquest,		14	hours
4	Charles H. Collis,	64	6	29
5	..... Capen,		8	hours
5	Albert Bencker,	85	2	25
12	Joseph Swiatlowski,	..	..	1
16	Agnieszka Kos,	..	1	1
17	William E. Pratt,	51	8	..
22	George B. Rich,	63	..	25
24	Vernon L. Andrews,	31	11	8

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DYS
	25 Marceline Lajeunesse,	82	11	23
	29 Mary Smith,	35	..	..
	29 Mary Sabourski,	45	6	14
	5 Mary C. Joslyn,	76	9	5
	6 Frank McKloski,	41	..	..
	6 Michael W. Mack,	32	4	27
	9 James Gunn,	59	5	27
	10 Mary L. Fuller,	70	9	26
	19 John Skaza,	27	2	12
	23 Sophia Brooks,	70	6	16
	25 Philip H. Smith,	33	2	24
	25 Walenty Tuszcz,	62	..	..
	29 Emelda Morin,	..	1	16
	1 George Brown,	89	..	13
	14 Emily D. Linnell,	67	4	7
Mar.	2 Thomas Santucci,	46	..	..
	6 Joseph Hul,	29	..	..
	10 Georgianna Lafave,	38	1	10
	12 Joseph F. Davis,	44	1	12
	15 Jean B. Gibouleau,	90	..	..
	19		still	born
	20 Ora Girard,	29	5	24
	24 Ida A. Place,	59	..	..
Apr.	3 Michael Grady,	77	4	10
	3 Lavina H. Adams,	74	5	3
	4		still	born
	9		still	born
	15 Grace G. Birmingham,	35	9	11
	16 James Nagle,	79	..	..
	18 William J. Hemphill,	61	3	20
	21 Payson A. Parent,	77	1	..
	22 Philomene Ouimette,	60	9	3
	25 Rosalie Bonneville,	58	8	..
	26 Frank Rosenboizier,	..	6	26
May	2 Eugene Lafranchise,	18	..	22
	2 Daniel Shea,	61	..	..
	3 William Lawton,	65	3	27
	4 Sophia Morcaka,	..	..	15
	5 Ludwik Maika,	..	4	10
	8 Stanislaw Kapinos,	..	..	9
	10 Oliver Belaire,	21	1	27
	11 Helen L. Coombs,	..	1	24

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DYS
	11 Bronislaw Witkowska,	..	3	4
	13 Mary E. Dakin,	78	1	6
	19 Doria Hebert,	34	7	22
	24 Antonia C. Mendeloski,	40	11	19
	25 Leonard J. Collins,	..	2	14
	30		still born	
June	5 Melvine Domine,	37	2	15
	1 Karolina Lebida,	..	..	7
	8		still born	
	10 George Lafranchise,	..	..	9
	12 Margaret A. Crance,	80	7	21
	17 Archille Paquette,	12	6	27
	20 Harold M. Haskins,	..	2	22
	23 Thomas Murphy,	39	9	4
July	3 Ann E. Parent,	74	6	5
	21 Wladyslaw Kulik,	..	4	21
	24 Alice A. Gebo,	2	9	2
	24 Jane E. Osborne,	83	11	18
	29 Adele Paul,	54	..	..
	20 Matilda T. Johnson,	64	2	20
Aug.	5 Rudolph Kos,	..	9	19
	6 Victor Myenis,	..	..	1
	8 Lila M. Berard,	28	1	16
	8 Charles J. Hamilton,	44	6	25
	12 Mary Brosnahan,	48	3	10
	13 Yvonne Gibouleau,	32	11	4
	13 John Bohanek,	..	10	16
	14 Hannah Otis,	54	..	..
	14 Rosa Paul,	..	2	1
	17 Frederic W. Viggers,	18	11	25
	18 Bronislaw Piatras,	1	..	9
	18 Michael Novak,	48	..	..
	19 Agea Karlon,	..	6	14
	19 Emma F. Prescott,	60	5	18
	23		still born	
	24 Antonio V. Sirard,	1	10	27
Sept.	1 Helen Waskiewicz,	..	7	..
	2 Katrina Pisarczk,	21	8	7
	3 Marya Bigda,	29	..	..
	3	3	8	27
	5 Johanna Dunleavy,	76	..	..
	7 Joseph Carmody,	38	6	1

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DYS
	10 Rachael Heard,	25	1	.
	13 Alice St. George,	65	5	29
	17 Abel Nilsson,	40	..	17
	30 Gilbert Ramsay,	..	..	2
	6 William F. Waite,	56	7	17
	27 Anna K. Rusek,	17	2	4
Oct.	2 Wanda Lanski,	..	7	5
	2 James Dasco,	2	2	23
	3 Mary A. Dube,	5	9	27
	4 Ludwik Dubal,	..	4	..
	6 Ludwik Smith,	..	2	2
	6 Maria S. Hathaway,	66	..	..
	7 Etta R. Litchenberg,	29	11	7
	9 James M. Moriarty,	20	..	16
	10 Ovide R. Babin,	..	..	25
	10			still born
	10 Lois E. Adams,	2	5	24
	13 Joseph Fountain,		15 minutes	
	13 Rose Fountain,	18	9	3
	13 Alfred Swann,	52	8	6
	18 Henry N. Johnson	21	5	27
	21 Catharine Carmody,	46	5	10
	22 Mary Strzemenski,	7	..	23
	24 John P. Gaffney,	42	9	11
	25 Elizabeth Proctor,	84	..	..
Nov.	8 Hollis J. Leland,	86	2	11
	9 David Micott,	52	8	23
	10 Joseph Fabian,	7	7	10
	14 Sarah E. Dustin,	64	2	4
	15 Joseph Szandrawski,		1 hour	
	17 Agnes Gorczyka,	39	..	..
	19 Michael Hryzniewicz,	35	..	..
	19 Newell Shepard,	80	3	9
	21 Stanislaus Topor,	..	1	21
	26 Anna H. Anderson,	36	8	2
Dec.	1			still born
	2 Emory S. Brooks,	80	1	6
	3 Frank A. Girouard,	27	7	3
	3. Lester Cole,	4	10	16
	7 Mary Pyrda,		15 minutes	
	9 Amos Z. Lathrop,	52	6	11
.	11 George W. Shumway,	82	1	27

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DYS
12	Stella Topor,	7	4	27
15	.....			still born
18	Frederick A. Warby,	22	11	30
19	.....			still born
22	Michael B. Foley,	55	..	..
31	Mary Turcao,	17	9	16
31	F. Edward Merrick,	37	3	10
30	Caroline Heidel,	77	..	..

JOHN F. FOLEY,
Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report:

ORGANIZATION. The Board organized with Harold W. Brainerd, Chairman and Charles D. Holden, Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS. Ernest E. Hobson was appointed Town Counsel; Harriete Paine, Bookkeeper; Louis E. Chandler, Burial Agent; D. L. Bodfish, Superintendent of Graves; Charles H. Keith and Dr. M. H. Davitt, Inspectors of Animals; and J. A. Hawkes, Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS. A contract was made with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company to furnish electric lights for all night service at the same rate as in 1915.

JUNK PRIVILEGE. The junk privilege was awarded Jacob Gold for \$1,000.

POLICE. In accordance with the vote passed under Article 19 of the Warrant for the annual meeting of 1916, the Selectmen appointed Timothy J. Crimmins Chief of Police, with full supervision and control over all the police officers of the town, including special police officers, in the performance of their police work and duties.

A detailed report of the Chief of Police will be found elsewhere in the town report.

DUTTON BRIDGE.

This bridge is across the Ware River on the highway leading from Palmer to Bondsville, and is used jointly by the Springfield Street Railway Company for its tracks and by the Town of Palmer for ordinary highway travel.

During the past year, at the invitation of the Railway Company, several conferences were held between the officers of the Street Railway Company, the Chairman of the Selectmen and Town Counsel Hobson, the Railway Company being desirous of replacing the present bridge with a heavier bridge to accommodate the increased loads carried by their express cars and the larger type of passenger cars now in service.

The present bridge was built in 1898 by the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company and the Town of Palmer. It is a two-span bridge, the southerly span being of plate girder type, forty-six and one-half ($46\frac{1}{2}$) feet long, the northerly span being a through truss, ninety-one (91) feet long. The bridge has a clear roadway of eighteen (18) feet in width. It is in a fair state of preservation.

When built, the bridge was of ample strength to carry the cars then in use with a maximum weight, when loaded, of approximately twelve tons. The traffic on the street railway has increased during the past few years so that now with the express cars and the larger cars used in the passenger service a load of thirty tons frequently is carried.

The Public Service Commission has recently ordered that no load in excess of 25,000 pounds shall be carried by the Street Railway Company over this bridge. The Railway Company has taken off its big cars and has suspended its express service on the Bondsville line.

The Town is not liable in case of damage for loads in excess of six tons.

The Selectmen have had the bridge examined twice since the agitation for a stronger bridge began. The first examination was in February, 1915, when our engineer re-

ported that the bridge was safe for highway travel for loads of eight and probably ten tons.

Recently the bridge was examined at the request of the Selectmen, by J. P. Snow, a well-known bridge engineer of Boston, who reported that with a few changes this bridge could be made safe, at small expense, for ordinary highway traffic for many years.

The location decree granted November 1, 1897, giving the Street Railway Company the right to lay and operate tracks in public ways in the town, provided generally in reference to highway bridges that when it shall become necessary to repair or renew any bridge upon which the street railway is operated the Railway Company shall bear such portion of the expense as shall, in the judgment of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden for the time being, be rendered necessary by the use of such bridge by the Railway Company over and above what would be required for its use for highway purposes only. Proceeding under this provision the Railway Company has filed with the County Commissioners a petition, which is pending, asking the Board to determine what proportion of the expense, or how large an amount, the Railway Company shall pay toward the cost of a new bridge.

It seems to be conceded on all sides that it is not practicable to adapt the bridge now in use to the present needs of the Railway Company by any reasonable outlay. It would seem therefore that the Town is confronted with the necessity of joining with the Railway Company in the construction of a new bridge upon such terms as to division of expense as the County Commissioners may determine, in the event that the parties cannot agree between themselves, or otherwise work out an arrangement with the Railway Company whereby the company will build a new and independent bridge for its sole use, leaving the present bridge for ordinary highway travel. The problem is a difficult one and is submitted to the voters by the Board without recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Statement of recommendations for the next year, and receipts and expenditures of the past year follow:

Election and Registration,	\$700.00
Care and Rent of Lockup,	675.00
Meat and Cattle Inspection,	540.00
Premium Workmens Compensation Ins.,	200.00
Bookkeeper,	650.00
Selectmens' Other Expenses,	300.00
Contingent,	1,000.00
Care and Rent of Town Offices,	1,050.00
Special Police,	300.00
Printing and Distributing Annual Reports,	275.00
Salaries of Selectmen,	500.00
Clerk of Selectmen,	50.00
Law Department,	500.00

HAROLD W. BRAINERD,
CHARLES D. HOLDEN,
WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,

Selectmen.

Town Bookkeeper's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Palmer, Mass.

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit herewith my report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

TAXES.

CURRENT YEAR:

Poll,	\$3,518.00		
Personal,	45,839.43		
Real Estate,	84,965.30	\$134,322.73	

PREVIOUS YEARS:

Poll,	180.00		
Personal,	2,989.23		
Real Estate,	8,847.65		
Unclassified,	2,498.64	14,515.52	

FROM STATE:

Corporation			
(Business),	7,703.01		
Corporation			
(Pub. Service),	1,118.99		
National Bank Tax,	199.20		
Street Railway,	3,879.31	12,900.51	161,738.76

LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Liquor Licenses,	\$10,805.00		
Junk Licenses,	4.00		
Pool and Billiard Licenses,	52.00		
Milk Licenses,	33.50		
All Other,	215.50	11,110.00	11,110.00

GRANTS AND GIFTS.

HAMPDEN COUNTY:

Dog Licenses,	726.58	726.58	726.58
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FINES AND FORFEITS.

FINES:

Department Penalties,	14.00	14.00	14.00
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

For Street Sprinkling,	1,174.59	1,174.59	1,174.59
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PRIVILEGES.

Junk Privilege,	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Insurance,	35.00		
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INSPECTION:

Sealing Weights and Measures,	212.08		
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FORESTRY:

Care of Trees,	22.00	269.08	269.08
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HEALTH AND SANITATION.

SANITATION:

Sewer Connections,	40.00		
Sewer Permits,	300.00	340.00	340.00

HIGHWAYS.

GENERAL:

Sale of Old Materials,	4.75		
Bridge Repairs,	216.45		
Rent of Steam Roller,	60.00	281.20	

SIDEWALKS AND CURBING:

Sidewalk Repairs,	7.30		
Curbing,	33.49	40.79	
MISCELLANEOUS:	53.13	53.13	375.12

CHARITIES:

TOWN FARM:

Sale of Produce,	1,120.75		
Board,	180.00	1,300.75	

REIMBURSEMENTS:

From Individuals,	3.75		
From Cities and Towns,	792.41		
From State,	710.68	1,506.84	

SOLDIERS BENEFIT:

State and Military Aid,	752.00	752.00	3,559.59
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EDUCATION.

SCHOOLS:

Tuition State Wards,	734.00		
Other Tuition,	1,967.61		
Refund,	1.00	2,702.61	2,702.61

CEMETERIES.

SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES:

Lots,	233.00	233.00	
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CARE OF LOTS AND GRAVES:

Lots,	761.00		
Grading,	52.00		
Opening Graves,	228.00		
Foundations,	115.85	1,156.85	1,389.85

INTEREST.

ON DEPOSIT:

General,	281.32		
Taxes,	336.33	617.65	

ON TRUST FUNDS:

Merrick Fund,	34.34		
Thompson Fund,	38.42	72.76	690.41

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

TEMPORARY LOANS,

Anticipation of Taxes,	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
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REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS.

REFUNDS:

Miscellaneous,	31.68	31.68	31.68
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BALANCES.

Cash on Hand December 31, 1916,		7,771.00
		<u>\$257,893.27</u>

PAYMENTS.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Department.	Appropriation.	Amount Expended.	Balance.*
SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Selectmen,	500.00	500.00	
Clerk,	100.00	50.00	50.00
Other Expenses:	300.00		
Stationery and Postage,		16.82	
Printing and Auditing,		42.55	
Carfares, Teams, etc.,		6.50	
Telephones,		84.31	
All Other,		572.17	24.62
AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Auditors,	40.00	40.00	
Bookkeeper,	600.00	600.00	

Other Expenses:			
Printing,	35.00	10.00	25.00
TREASURY DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Treasurer,	400.00	400.00	
Other Expenses:	225.00		
Stationery and Postage,		65.46	
Printing,		5.00	
Telephone,		18.00	
Surety Bond,		125.00	
All Other,		14.65	—3.11
COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:	600.00		
Collector,		450.00	150.00
Other Expenses:	300.00		
Stationery and Postage,		47.00	
Printing and Advertising,		24.85	
Surety Bond,		200.00	
All Other,		34.12	—5.97
ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:	900.00		
Assessors,		900.00	
Other Expenses:	200.00		
Stationery and Postage,		.15	
Printing and Advertising,		104.75	
All Other,		79.89	15.21
LAW DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:	450.00		
Town Counsel, 1915-16,		450.00	
Other Expenses,	50.00	35.82	14.18
*The debit balances are indicated by a minus sign.			
LICENSE COMMISSION:			
Expenses:	15.00		
Clerical Work,		7.50	
Printing and Advertising,		1.50	
Auto Hire,		5.00	1.00
TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries and Wages:	150.00		
Town Clerk,		150.00	
Other Expenses:	275.00		
Recording Fees,		221.00	
Bond,		4.00	
Postage,		6.00	
Printing,		17.00	
All Other,		4.27	22.73

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

Salaries and Wages:	500.00		
Registrars,		60.00	
Precinct Officers,		188.00	
Primary Officers,		66.00	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery and Postage,		2.00	
Printing and Advertising,		112.14	
Meals,		2.10	
Carfare,		14.50	
Rent,		50.00	
All Other,		28.65	23.39
TOWN OFFICERS:			
Rent,		960.00	
Furniture,		350.06	
Light,		22.28	
Janitor,		45.40	
All Other,		28.50	8.01
TOWN HALL:			
Janitor,		3.70	
Repairs,		8.54	
Total for General Government,		<u>\$7,235.18</u>	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Salaries and Wages:	3,100.00		
Chief of Police,		1,100.00	
Night Police,		1,595.63	
Special Police,		269.05	135.32
Care and Rent of Lockup:	700.00		
Janitor,		126.00	
Light,		39.04	
Rent,		500.00	45.86
Reimbursement,	100.00		
Equipment,		5.20	
Stationery,		4.16	
All Other,		56.93	33.71
SUPPRESSION ILLEGAL SALES OF LIQUOR:			
	200.00		
Police Services,		7.50	192.50
SUPPORT OF DISTRICT COURT:	800.00		
Fees,		494.84	305.16

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Salaries,		14.00	
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INSURANCE AND CARE OF AUTO

FIRE TRUCK:	300.00		
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Repairs,		77.47	
Gasoline, etc.,		12.68	
Insurance,		56.14	
All Other,		23.50	188.71

SEALING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Salaries and Wages:	200.00		
Scaler,		200.00	
Other Expenses:	100.00		
Printing,		2.75	
All Other,		10.00	87.25

EXTERMINATION OF MOTHS AND BEETLES:

Salaries and Wages:	100.00		
Superintendent,		33.00	67.00
Extermination of Beetles:	400.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		10.00	
Labor,		16.05	
Printing,		7.55	
Insecticides,		1.45	
Hardware and Tools,		124.72	
Carfares, Teams, etc.,		14.06	
All Other,		13.07	213.10

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT:

Salaries:			
Warden,		12.00	

PURCHASE AND PLANTING: 200.00

Labor,		37.63	
Teams,		4.25	
Trees,		61.52	96.60

PRESERVATION OF TREES: 200.00

Surveyor's Salary,		8.00	
Labor,		169.67	
Teams,		22.56	
Repairs,		27.11	
Hardware and Tools,		1.75	
All Other,		6.15	-35.24

FOREST WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT:

Salaries and Wages:	100.00		
Use of Warden,		86.15	13.85
Other Expenses:	900.00		
Labor, Forest Fires,		125.50	

Teams,		.90	
All Other,		44.17	
Hotel Inspection,		5.00	
Thorndike Barn,		14.00	710.43
New Auto Truck:	1,400.00		
New Truck,		1,316.45	
Materials,		14.76	
Labor,		68.20	.59
Total for Protection of Persons and			
Property,		\$6,840.56	

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

HEALTH.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries:

Board of Health,	150.00	150.00
Clerk,	25.00	25.00

Other Expenses:

1,000.00

Printing and Stationery,	3.07
Telephone,	14.33
All Other,	8.07

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Medical Attendance,	22.50
Loss of Wages,	24.00
Cultures,	56.80
All Other,	14.91

Tuberculosis:

Board and Treatment,	766.62
Burial,	15.00

Vital Statistics:

Births,	83.50
Deaths,	38.75

Other Expenses:

Fumigation and Disinfectants,	61.88	
All Other,	17.31	—113.04

INSPECTION:

Salaries and Wages:

400.00

Animals,	197.78	
Meat and Provisions,	340.00	
Milk,	71.30	
All Other,	2.50	—137.78

SANITATION.

SEWERS AND CULVERTS:	1,000.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		160.00	
Labor,		472.49	
Teams,		133.90	
Equipment,		12.50	
Pipe and Fittings,		117.06	
Brick and Cement,		15.34	
All Other,		3.70	85.01
Reimbursement,	175.00	175.00	
Labor at Public Dump,		30.30	
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Total for Health and Sanitation,		\$3,033.61	

HIGHWAYS.

HIGHWAY REPAIRS:	6000.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		594.00	
Printing and Postage,		16.00	
Telephone, Freight, etc.,		36.29	
Labor,		2,318.46	
Teams,		1,767.77	
Oil, Gravel, etc.,		146.02	
Pipe and Cement,		5.92	
Lumber,		9.09	
Equipment and Repairs,		318.71	
All Other,		164.99	
REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE:			
Labor,		231.88	
Teams,		270.66	
All Other,		.35	
Street Signs,		202.23	173.86
BRIDGE REPAIRS:	1,075.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		76.00	
Labor,		244.91	
Teams,		15.40	
Lumber,		311.80	
Hardware and Tools,		14.50	
All Other,		201.82	
One-Half Repair West Brimfield			
Bridge,		75.00	135.57

RAILINGS:	300.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		2.00	
Labor,		31.91	
Material,		50.74	
All Other,		.25	215.10
NEW STEAM ROLLER:	3,200.00	3,150.00	50.00
TOWN STORE HOUSE:	300.00		
Labor,		97.35	
Lumber,		116.96	
Freight and Cartage,		6.14	
Paint and Cement,		22.82	
Insurance,		17.50	56.73
PERMANENT HIGHWAY RE-PAIRS:	2,500.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		86.00	
Labor,		812.24	
Teams,		842.35	
Gravel and Rock,		80.19	
Oil,		350.05	
Freight,		32.30	
Supplies,		34.58	
All Other,		87.55	174.74
STREET LIGHTING:	7,524.00		
Lights,		7,512.39	11.61
STREET SPRINKLING:	1,000.00		
Teams,		837.63	
Water,		300.00	
Repairs,		4.50	—142.13
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION:			
Unexpended Balance of Permanent Highway Construction			
Appropriation in 1912,	2,026.71	687.21	1,339.50
NEW PERMANENT HIGHWAY:	2,800.00		2,800.00
NEW SEWER, THREE RIVERS:	450.00		
Labor,		152.25	
Teams,		2.25	
Materials, etc.,		167.51	127.99
STATE HIGHWAY TAX:		4,960.00	
SIDEWALKS, REPAIRS OF:			
Ash Walks,	400.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		26.00	
Labor,		114.22	
Teams,		165.64	
Material,		32.05	62.09

Ash Walks, Art. 50,	100.00		
Labor,		36.26	
Teams,		57.38	6.36
Tar Walks,	1,000.00		
Surveyor's Salary,		10.00	
Labor,		48.01	
Teams,		5.25	
Material,		824.65	
All Other,		111.82	.27
SIDEWALKS, NEW:			
Tar Walks and Curbing:	500.00		
Labor,		368.53	
Teams,		27.00	
Material,		4.00	
Curbing,		92.00	
All Other,		22.00	1.47
Ash Walks—Art. 31:	52.16		
Labor,		24.50	
Teams,		27.00	.66
Sidewalks and Curbing, New:	519.50		
Surveyor's Salary,		32.00	
Labor,		216.50	
Curbing,		288.00	
All Other,		12.00	—29.00
Article 49, N. Main Street,	45.00		45.00
Total for Highways,		\$30,011.28	

 CHARITIES.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries of Overseer,	430.00	430.00
Clerk,	175.00	175.00
SUPPORT OF POOR:	10,000.00	
INTEREST ON THOMPSON		
FUND:	38.42	
Printing and Stationery,		6.17
All Other,		51.81
Town Farm:		
Salary of Warden:		724.92
Labor,		105.95
Groceries and Provisions,		1,029.68

Dry Goods and Clothing,		275.39	
Medicine and Medical Attendance,		125.31	
Repairs of Building,		3.35	
Fuel and Light,		461.44	
Hay, Grain and Straw,		859.61	
Equipment and Repairs,		113.28	
Seeds, Fertilizer, etc.,		137.00	
All Other,		176.29	
Outside Relief :			
Cash,		58.50	
Rent,		505.92	
Groceries and Provisions,		2,138.33	
Coal and Wood,		108.71	
Board and Care,		358.36	
Medicine and Medical Attendance,		201.42	
Burials,		82.92	
Institutions,		110.40	
All Other,		37.49	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns :			
Cities,		704.95	
Towns,		18.00	
Other Expenses,		79.00	1,564.22
CONTINGENT ACCOUNT :	1,300.00		
Repairs at Town Farm,		707.13	
All Other,		107.39	485.48

WING HOSPITAL.

Board and Treatment,	750.00	313.89	436.11
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SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

State Aid,		926.00	
SOLDIERS' RELIEF :	300.00		
Groceries and Provisions,		145.24	154.76
Total for Charities,		<u>\$11,278.85</u>	

EDUCATION.

USE OF COMMITTEE,	500.00	500.00
PAINTING GRAMMAR SCHOOL,	1,000.00	1,009.73
GENERAL EXPENSES,	52,125.00	—9.73
INTEREST ON MERRICK FUND,	34.34	
DOG TAXES,	726.58	
SALARIES:		
Superintendent,	2,149.98	
Truant Officers,	76.00	
Clerk,	650.87	
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Printing, Stationery and Postage,	221.18	
Telephone,	73.38	
School Census,	65.00	
Freight and Cartage,	134.28	
All Other,	154.19	
TEACHERS' SALARIES:		
High,	5,255.50	
Elementary,	19,888.94	
Retirement,	533.00	
TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES:		
High:		
Text and Reference Books,	575.79	
All Other,	84.80	
Elementary:		
Text and Reference Books,	1,407.36	
Tuition,	54.00	
All Other,	159.80	
TRANSPORTATION:		
High,	898.25	
Elementary,	1,859.50	
JANITOR SERVICE:		
High,	550.00	
Elementary,	2,043.01	
FUEL AND LIGHT:		
High,	1,300.28	
Elementary,	4,179.35	
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:		
High:		
Janitor Supplies,	55.27	
Water,	33.06	
All Other,	231.84	

Elementary :		
Janitor,	206.70	
Water,	219.99	
All Other,	686.75	
FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS :		
High :		
Desk, Chairs, etc.,	19.80	
All Other,	45.37	
Elementary :		
Desk, Chairs, etc.,	496.84	
All Other,	32.72	
Rent,	215.00	
OTHER EXPENSES :		
Diplomas and Graduation,	58.53	
Insurance,	167.40	
Miscellaneous Printing,	82.70	
All Other,	44.26	
Medical Inspection,	300.00	
MUSIC, MANUAL TRAINING AND DRAWING :		
Salaries :		
Music Instructor,	570.00	
Manual Training and Drawing Instructor,	848.75	
TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES :		
Music and Music Books,	144.88	
Drawing Materials,	171.85	
Manual Training Supplies,	219.79	
All Other,	16.67	
COMMERCIAL COURSE :		
Salaries,	2,923.50	
Retirement,	68.50	
Text and Reference Books,	97.52	
Supplies,	423.96	
EVENING SCHOOL :		
Instructors,	828.75	
Interpreters,	51.75	
Text Books,	4.65	
Supplies,	335.02	
Janitor,	108.00	
Transportation,	21.28	
VACATION SCHOOL :		
Instructor,	60.00	780.36
Total for Education,	\$53,115.29	

LIBRARY.

Young Men's Library Association,	3,000.00	3,000.00
Repairs on Library,		5.75
Total for Library,		<u>\$3,005.75</u>

UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial Day,	100.00	100.00	
Town Clock,	75.00	75.00	
Agricultural Demonstration,	250.00	250.00	
Printing and Distributing Annual Reports,	275.00	207.40	67.60
Workmen's Liability Insurance,	200.00	164.99	35.01
Total for Unclassified,		<u>\$797.39</u>	

CEMETERIES.

SALARIES AND WAGES:

Salary of Secretary,	150.00	150.00
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CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

Printing Stationery, etc.,		6.11	
Labor,		1,119.87	
Teams,		23.44	
Loam,		36.50	
Equipment and Repairs,		131.69	
All Other,		209.36	
Trees, Shrubs, etc.,		4.68	18.35

Total for Cemeteries,	<u>\$1,681.65</u>
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INTEREST.

TEMPORARY LOANS:

Anticipation of Taxes,	1,079.73
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GENERAL LOANS:

Refunding Loan,	280.00
Grammar School Bonds,	392.00
High School Bonds,	700.00
Highway Construction Bonds,	2,000.00
Three Rivers School Bonds,	191.25
Funding Loan,	510.00

Total for Interest,	<u>\$5,152.98</u>
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

TEMPORARY LOAN:

Anticipation of Taxes,	\$65,000.00
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GENERAL LOANS:

Funding Bridge Loan,	3,000.00
Three Rivers School Bonds,	3,000.00
Grammar School Bonds,	1,600.00
High School Bonds,	1,000.00
Highway Construction Bonds,	5,000.00
Refunding Loan,	4,000.00

Total for Municipal Indebtedness,	\$82,600.00
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AGENCY AND TRUST.

TAXES:

State Tax,	10,000.00
Non Resident Bank,	1,334.61
County,	5,290.80

LIQUOR LICENSES:

For State,	2,701.00
Total for Agency and Trust,	\$19,726.66
Cash on Hand December 31, 1916,	33,414.07

	\$257,893.27
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The above report conforms with the system of book-keeping inaugurated by the State Bureau of Statistics and accepted by the town of Palmer.

In this report will be found some apparent inconsistencies which the following classification of the "Contingent Fund" will explain.

Department Expended In.	Appropriation.	Amount Expended.	Balance.
	1,000.00		
Selectmen's Other Expenses,		488.46	
Protection of Persons and Property,		95.40	
Health and Sanitation,		117.80	
Highways,		288.73	
Library,		5.75	3.86

HARRIETTE PAINE,

Bookkeeper.

Trial Balance

J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1912,	\$2.35	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1913,	1,050.83	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1914,	1,792.97	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1915,	4,904.42	
J. A. Hawkes, Collector, 1916,	11,792.13	
Cemetery Dept. Bills, 1912, and Prior,	26.16	
Overlay, 1912,		2.35
Overlay, 1913,		1,385.19
Overlay, 1914,		1,988.47
Overlay, 1915,		2,287.37
Overlay, 1916,		1,877.30
Revenue,		14,620.15
Excess and Deficiency,		20,597.01
Selectmen's Salary,		50.00
Selectmen's Other Expenses,		24.62
Auditing and Accounting, Other Expenses,		25.06
Treasurer's Other Expenses,	\$3.11	
Collector's Salary,	170.00	
Collector's Other Expenses,	5.97	
Assessor's Other Expenses,		15.21
License Commission, Other Expenses,		1.00
Town Clerk's Other Expenses,		22.73
Law Department,		14.18
Town Offices,		6.82
Town Offices, Furniture and Fixtures,		1.19
Election and Registration,	23.39	
Chief of Police,		100.00
Night Police,		4.37
Special Police,		30.95
Reimbursement Police Officers,		54.23
Suppression Illegal Sale of Liquor,		192.50
Care and Rent of Lockup,		25.34
Support of District Court,		305.16
Insurance and Maintenance Auto Truck,		188.71
Purchase and Planting Shade Trees,		96.60
Preservation Shade Trees,	35.24	

Superintendent Moth Department,		67.00
Extermination Elm Tree Beetles,		213.10
Forest Warden's Salary,		13.85
Forest Fires,		710.43
New Auto Truck,		.59
Sealer's Other Expenses,		87.25
Board of Health,	113.04	
Sewers and Culverts,		85.01
Meat and Cattle Inspection,	137.78	
New Sewer at Three Rivers,		127.99
General Highway Repairs,		173.86
Permanent Highway Repairs,		174.74
Highway Construction, Thorndike,		2,800.00
New Steam Roller,		50.00
Town Store House,		56.73
Bridge Repairs,		135.57
Highway Construction,		1,339.50
Street Sprinkling,	142.13	
New Tar Walks,		1.47
Repairs of Tar Walks,		.27
New Ash Walks, Bondsville,		.66
Repairs of Ash Walks,		62.09
Repairs of Ash Walks, Three Rivers and Thorndike,		6.36
Sidewalk and Curbing, Pleasant Street,	29.00	
Sidewalk and Curbing, No. Main Street,		45.00
Street Lights,		11.61
Railings,		215.10
Support of Poor,		1,564.22
Support of Poor, Contingent,	485.48	
State Aid,	860.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Aid,		154.76
Wing Memorial Hospital Fund,		436.11
Education,		780.36
Painting Grammar School,	9.73	
Education, Use of Committee,		500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Account,		3.86
Workmen's Compensation Insurance,		35.01
Printing Town Reports,		67.60
Reserve Fund,		2,630.25
Reserve Fund on Account of Abatements,		383.42
Cemetery Care and Improvement,		18.35
Advances on Account of Maturing Debt, Due Jan.		
1, 1917,	2,000.00	

Advances on Account of Interest on Maturing		
Debt. Due Jan. 1, 1917,	1,012.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans,		170.27
Net Bonded Debt,	61,400.00	
Highway Construction Loan,		30,000.00
High School Loan,		11,000.00
Grammar School Loan,		6,400.00
Three Rivers School Loan,		3,000.00
Refunding Bridge Loan,		9,000.00
Refunding Loan,		2,000.00
Trust Funds,	13,120.09	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,		10,635.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income Account,		683.81
Merrick Fund,		850.00
Thompson Fund,		951.28
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1916,	33,414.07	
	<u>\$132,044.41</u>	<u>\$132,044.41</u>

Palmer, Mass., Jan. 1, 1917.

Assessors' Report

The Board of Assessors respectfully report as follows :

Appropriations,		\$119,520.66
Maturing Bonds,		15,600.00
Interest,		4,311.25
County Tax,		5,290.80
State Highway Tax,		4,960.00
State Tax,		10,400.00
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Less,		\$160,082.71
Estimated Receipts,	\$16,981.00	
Liquor License Fees,	8,103.75	25,084.75
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		134,997.96
Overlay,		2,047.27
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		137,045.23
Non-resident Bank Tax,		1,348.03
Street Sprinkling Assessment,		1,256.54
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Amount of Warrant, August 11, 1916,		139,649.80
Poll Taxes since added,		18.00
Springfield Street Railway Excise Tax,		3,978.18
Amount of Assessment (Omitted Assessment)		3,612.02
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Total Amount to be collected,		\$147,258.00

VALUATION FOR 1916.

Personal Property,	\$1,821,740.00	
Resident Bank Stock,	63,120.00	1,884,860.00
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Buildings,	2,727,830.00	
Land,	954,729.00	3,682,559.00
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		5,567,419.00
Value of Personal Property added December 10th, 1916,		152,406.00
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Total Valuation for 1916,		5,719,825.00
Tax rate \$23.70.		

TABLE OF AGGREGATE.

Number of residents assessed on property (Individuals),	776
Number of residents assessed on property (All others),	372
Number of Non-residents assessed on property, (Individuals),	162
Number of Non-residents assessed on property (All others),	71
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Total number assessed on property,	1,381
Total number assessed for Poll Tax only,	1,973
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Total number of names April Assessment,	3,354
Added names since for Poll Tax only,	9
Added names December Assessment on property,	2
For Excise Tax,	1
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	3,366
Number of horses assessed,	384
Number of cows assessed,	580
Number of sheep assessed,	4
Number of neat cattle assessed,	139
Number of swine assessed,	121
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	1,221
Number of acres of land assessed,	18,339

ROY E. CUMMINGS,
JOHN O. HAMILTON,
CHARLES E. FULLER,

Assessors.

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health submit the following report:

The number of contagious diseases reported to the Board from Jan. 1, 1916 to Dec. 31, 1916.

TABLE NO. 1.

Contagious and infectious diseases:

	Diphtheria	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis	Typhoid Fever	Anterior Poliomyelitis	
January,	2			1			3
February,				1			1
March,	1		1	2	1		5
April,		1					1
May,		13			1		14
June,		111					111
July,		5		1		3	9
August,		1					1
September,	1		1		1	1	4
October,	3						3
November,	1			1			2
December,	1			1			2
	9	131	2	7	3	4	156

TABLE NO. 2.

Number of deaths reported from Jan. 1, 1916 to Dec. 31, 1916.

January,	11
February,	10
March,	6
April,	10
May,	13
June,	8
July,	5
August,	16
September,	9
October,	19
November,	9
December,	15
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TABLE NO. 3.

Ages at death of persons dying from Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916.

	Totals	Males	Females
Less than 1 year,	31	21	10
1 to 2 years,	2	1	1
2 to 3 years,	3	2	1
4 to 5 years,	1	1	
5 to 10 years,	3	1	2
10 to 15 years,	1	1	
15 to 20 years,	4	2	2
20 to 30 years,	12	6	6
30 to 40 years,	15	8	7
40 to 50 years,	10	7	3
50 to 60 years,	8	5	3
60 to 70 years,	11	6	5
70 to 80 years,	10	2	8
80 to 90 years,	10	6	4
Still births,	10	6	4
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	131	75	56

W. C. HITCHCOCK,
Clerk, Board of Health.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT

January 5, 1917.

Board of Health,
Palmer, Mass.
Dear Sirs:

I hand you herewith the report of the bacteriological work done during the past year to determine the presence of diphtheria germs in cases of suspected diphtheria. Comparatively few cases have been submitted for examination during the year, and the following table shows the detail of the cases submitted:

Months	DIAGNOSIS		RELEASE		Cases Total	Total Cultures
	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative		
January, .	1	4	0	0	5	9
February,	1	0	0	0	1	5
March,	1	1	0	0	2	7
April,	0	1	0	0	1	1
July,	0	1	0	0	1	1
September,	1	1	0	0	2	4
October,	4	3	0	0	7	17
December,	1	1	0	0	2	2
Totals,	9	12	0	0	21	46

Total cases examined, 21.

Total cultures examined, 46.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT EMERSON, M. D.

Bacteriologist.

REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR.

1916	Beef	Cond.	Hogs	Cond.	Veal	Cond.
January,	24	2	34	0	7	9
February,	15	0	20	0	20	0
March,	24	0	25	0	10	1
April,	17	0	9	0	17	1
May,	10	0	9	0	21	0
June,	16	2	8	0	12	0
July,	14	0	4	0	21	1
August,	18	0	5	0	18	0
September,	16	0	22	0	21	1
October,	30	0	50	1	17	0
November,	35	1	61	0	16	0
December,	22	2	40	0	8	0
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CHAS. H. KEITH,
Inspector.

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR.

For the Year Ending December 30, 1916.

To Board of Health, Palmer:

I have inspected milk wagons and places where milk is produced, kept or sold twice, 93.

All cows have been inspected once.

I find that 20 licenses were issued by my predecessor:

Number of Producers permits issued (no fee)	60
Number of milk licenses, 46 at 50 cents,	\$23.00
Number of Oleomargarine 3 at 50 cents,	1.50
	<hr/> \$24.50
Paid Town Treasurer,	\$24.50

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. H. KEITH,
Milk Inspector.

The Board recommends an appropriation fo Eighteen hundred dollars \$1,800.00 for its use in addition to salaries. One hundred and Seventy-five dollars, \$175.00.

DR. J. P. SCHNEIDER,
DR. S. O. MILLER,
W. C. HITCHCOCK,

Board of Health.

Highway Surveyor's Report

January 1, 1917.

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

In going over the Highways of the Town of Palmer, I found them in a bad state of repair. I found the guard rails down in many places. I was unable to replace on account of not finding any one who could furnish rails.

The covered bridge at Forest Lake has been shingled and the planking on both ends repaired at a cost of \$247.51.

The sidewalk on one side of the Main street bridge, Three Rivers, has been replanked with new sills.

The canal bridge at Bondsville has been replanked.

The culvert bridge on the Williams road has been replaced with a corrugated metal culvert pipe 20 feet by 2 feet.

The following bridges have been painted: Two at Bondsville, three at Thorndike, two at West Brimfield.

The tar surface road on North Main street between Point of Rock to Shearers Corner has been rebuilt at a cost of \$500 inside the regular \$2,500 appropriation, and all the other tarred surface has been treated.

The Gravel Roads have been resurfaced from the Wire Mill school to the tar surface on Palmer road to Three Rivers, and from Saint Ann's Church to tar surface at Thorndike. The dirt roads have been scraped with ditch scraper and drag.

Graveling has been done on Water street, Bridge street, Central street and Maple street in Palmer Village.

At Palmer Center, above the almshouse, 1,175 feet was graveled, the haul being about one-half mile. There were

four two-horse teams and four men on this work, the cost of labor and teams being \$172.40, and 316 loads gravel, \$31.60.

The sewers were flushed the second time in the Depot Village and Three Rivers. One catchbasin built in North Main street, Depot Village, and one in Main street, Thorn-dike, with 96 feet of six-inch pipe; several others have been repaired.

TOOLS AND MACHINERY.

Nine lanterns.

Four galvanized pails.

One tar wheelbarrow.

One concrete wheelbarrow.

One ten-gallon wood pack oil can.

Four five-gallon wood jack oil cans.

Two one-gallon tin oil cans.

Two iron tamps.

One wood-paving tamp.

Six twelve-foot wood guard rails.

Six six-foot wood guard rails.

Two iron frame guard rails.

One large tool box.

One small tool box.

Ten iron rakes.

Six rattan street brooms.

Two steel street brooms.

Twelve picks.

Two bush hooks.

One bush scythe.

Three grub.

Three sledge hammers.

One paving plow.

One sidehill plow.

Fifty feet one-inch rubber hose.

Two branding irons.

Two crowbars.

Twelve round point shovels.
 Five square point shovels.
 Six square point long handle shovels.
 One long handle spade.
 One short handle spade.
 One turf cutter.
 Four snow shovels.
 Four coal scoops.
 Five manhole spoons.
 Five hundred feet of rope.
 Four heavy chains.
 Three stake chains.
 One pair rubber boots.
 One axe.
 One hand saw.
 Two claw hammers.
 One fork.
 One brick hammer.
 Four trench braces.
 Three sand screens.
 One sand heater.
 The regular equipment for sewer cleaning, rods and hoes
 and cable complete.
 One tar kettle.
 One street cleaner's cart.
 One street cleaner's shovel.

TOOLS ON STEAM ROLLER.

Two oilers.
 One machine steam hammer.
 One monkey wrench.
 Ten flat wrenches.
 One blow-off wrench.
 One sixteen-inch Stillson.
 One cold chisel.
 One pair plyers.
 Shovel and poker.

Flue cleaner and rod.
 Suction hose and strainer.
 One four horse road scraper.
 Two four horse road scraper.
 Six road drags.
 One two horse street sweeper.
 One ten ton Buffalo Pitts steam roller.
 Two watering carts.
 One tree spraying machine.

STOCK ON HAND.

Three thousand eight hundred and fifty paving brick.
 Four hundred red bricks.
 One and one-half barrels cold patching tar.
 Forty-four barrels sidewalk tar.
 Fifty pounds 50d spikes.

I would recommend the following appropriations:

Care of highways,	\$6,500
Care of improved highways,	3,000
Care of bridges,	1,000
Care of sewers and culverts,	1,000
Repairs of tar walks,	1,000
Repairs of ash walks,	400
Railings,	300

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. DILLON,

Surveyor of Highways.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit the following report:

The large tract of land north of the terraces in Oak Knoll Cemetery has been laid out into lots with a market value of over \$2,500. On the original plan, a driveway was located in this section, which was not only unnecessary, but impracticable to build. In the new layout this has been eliminated and several hundreds of dollars' worth of lots have been made available. There has been a commendable addition to the Perpetual Care Fund, showing an increasing interest in our cemeteries. New front fences are badly needed at both Oak Knoll and Four Corners. A donation of entrances for these cemeteries by some person interested would help in securing this much-needed improvement.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1916,		\$1,700.00
Sale of lots, Oak Knoll,	\$200.00	
Sale of lots, Four Corners,	33.00	
Care of lots,	761.00	
Grading lots,	52.00	
Opening of graves,	228.00	
Foundations,	115.85	1,389.85

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

Mrs. G. A. Smith, 1914, balance lot,	\$15.00	
Mrs. A. A. Kenyon, 1915, lot,	20.00	35.00
W. E. Lawler, 1914, foundations,	6.00	
Mrs. L. F. Page, 1914, grading,	1.00	7.00
Est. Mrs. C. V. Weeks, 1914, grave,	3.00	
C. M. Wing, 1915, grave,	8.00	
Est. S. G. Kenyon, 1915, grave,	3.00	14.00

C. A. Smith, 1913, care,	1.00	1.00	
Young's Sons & Co. Corp., labor,	3.00		
Pine Point Granite Works, foundation,	14.46		
J. W. Lambert, foundation,	11.56	29.02	
E. J. De Courcey, care,	1.00		
Ida L. Mulligan,	2.00		
W. A. Clark,	1.00		
Jewet L. Callis,	2.00		
C. C. Barrett,	2.00	8.00	
Mrs. J. Sonia, grave,	3.00		
W. P. Webster, grave,	5.00		
W. H. Graham Corp., grave,	3.00		
Anton Anderson, grave,	3.00	14.00	
Ida M. Sonia, balance lot,	5.00		
George J. Chase, lot,	20.00	25.00	133.02
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			\$3,222.87

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$150.00		
Printing and postage,	8.36		
Supplies,	212.04		
Labor,	1,106.62		
Teams,	38.69		
Equipment and repairs,	14.91		
Fertilizer,	18.00		
All others,	133.03	1,681.65	
Balances,	18.35	18.35	
Paid Geo. E. Clough,	1,389.85	1,389.85	3,089.85

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Tool house, Oak Knoll,	\$75.00		
Tool house, Four Corners,	50.00		
Tools,	50.00	175.00	
Unsold lots at market price:			
Four Corners—			
156 at \$8.00	\$1,248.00		
Oak Knoll—			
5 at 50.00	250.00		
15 at 35.00	525.00		
7 at 25.00	175.00		
139 at 24.00	3,336.00		
56 at 20.00	1,120.00		
4 at 12.00	48.00		
3 at 8.00	24.00		
76 at 1.00	76.00	\$6,802.00	\$6,977.00

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Amount.	Present Condition.
Henry Scism,	\$100.00	\$102.32
John A. Squier,	100.00	105.32
Calista E. Hendricks,	100.00	105.69
Laura E. Child,	500.00	507.67
Minnie K. Bennett,	200.00	202.78
Avery W. Green,	200.00	202.25
Waterman Fuller,	200.00	224.28
John and Lucy Smith,	200.00	204.25
William Breckenridge,	200.00	200.83
James W. Snow,	100.00	102.11
Franklin Blanchard,	100.00	101.32
John H. Haynes,	200.00	212.83
Mary A. Shaw,	100.00	100.32
Jane A. Gibson,	100.00	104.61
E. B. Gates,	50.00	50.99
Louisa M. Waid,	200.00	229.83
Amos A. Allen,	100.00	101.97
Torrey Fund,	100.00	102.90
Pliny Cool��y,	50.00	50.29
Henry G. Loomis,	200.00	215.86
William Holbrook,	200.00	200.78
Maria Lawrence,	500.00	521.75
Keyes Foster,	100.00	101.39
Harriet Coolidge,	200.00	218.96
Mrs. L. W. Brown,	200.00	226.02
Eliza J. Kenerson,	200.00	202.05
William Merriam,	200.00	216.63
Mary Redding,	50.00	50.00
D. S. Davis,	200.00	200.89
Marshall Andrews,	200.00	207.00
Ambrose M. Andrews,	200.00	205.00
Enos Calkins,	100.00	102.00
Samuel C. Rogers,	200.00	206.00
Willard G. Kenerson,	100.00	100.00
M. B. Chapman, care of Gilbert Barker lot,	100.00	100.00
M. B. Chapman, care of S. Chapman lot,	200.00	206.00
Julia H. Henry,	100.00	101.00
Isaac King,	150.00	152.00
Abel H. Calkins,	100.00	101.00
Edward C. Sexton,	100.00	101.00
Henry A. Moore,	100.00	101.00

J. S. Koster,	100.00	101.00
Melissa Hall,	150.00	154.00
Jeremiah Long,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mary J. Plympton,	100.00	100.00
Clymena P. Fuller,	150.00	151.00
Abigail T. Nichols,	50.00	50.00
Mary Hastings,	100.00	101.00
Orrin B. Smith,	200.00	201.00
O. B. Smith, care of Thomas Smith lot,	100.00	101.00
Laura P. Green,	100.00	101.00
J. H. Kenerson,	100.00	100.00
William Harvey,	150.00	151.00
Alden L. Fletcher,	60.00	61.60
Carrie A. Kurtz,	100.00	102.00
Ralph Green,	200.00	214.00
Meriva L. Capen,	100.00	101.00
Minerva R. Olds,	100.00	100.00
Otis C. Lyon,	100.00	100.00
Hitchcock Graves,	100.00	100.00
Minerva M. Gates,	200.00	203.00
Rogers Paine,	100.00	100.00
Elizabeth D. Moore,	100.00	101.00
Mary E. Bailey,	100.00	104.00
M. M. Rogers,	100.00	100.00
Nellie S. Hooker,	75.00	78.25
Ethan Warriner,	100.00	100.00
Lizzie E. Fletcher,	100.00	101.00
Andrew Pinney,	100.00	123.19
Frank F. Marcy,	500.00	505.00
Thomas McDougall,	100.00	100.00
Sarah J. Winter,	200.00	204.00
Charles B. Fiske,	200.00	202.00
Minnie B. Converse,	500.00	505.00
Amelia M. Culver,	100.00	101.00
Omer W. Marcy,	100.00	100.00
Frank M. Eager,	250.00	250.00
Maria Ritchie,	100.00	101.00
Chas. H. Burleigh, C. B. lot,	100.00	100.00
Julia A. Burleigh, B. B. lot,	100.00	100.00
C. H. and J. A. Burleigh, care of J. W. Calkin's lot,	25.00	25.00
Emily M. Holdsworth,	100.00	100.00
Sarah D. Smith,	100.00	100.00
H. P. Marcy,	100.00	100.00

Josie M. Nothrop,	300.00	300.00
E. and F. M. Dodge,	100.00	100.00
Calvin Childs,	100.00	100.00
Joseph A. Brown,	500.00	500.00
Sarah I. L. Snow,	50.00	50.00
Abby J. Pierce,	100.00	100.00
Daniel W. Taft,	75.00	75.00
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	\$14,435.00	\$14,766.93
Gain in P. C. Fund,		\$1,325.00
Cemetery Commissioners' Interest Fund,		
total, Jan. 1, 1916,	\$753.19	
Added:		
Interest P. C. Fund,	267.20	
Interest C. C. I. Fund,	15.06	1,035.45
Withdrawn:		
P. C. Fund,		487.50
Present Condition,		<hr/>
		\$547.95

DAVID L. BODFISH,
SAMUEL M. PHILLIPS,
LEWIS R. HOLDEN.
Cemetery Commissioners.

Overseers of the Poor Report

The following tables will give a detailed account of receipts and expenditures at the Town Farm from Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

Pigs,	\$281.50
Pork,	195.50
Potatoes,	187.75
Veal,	71.60
Cows,	160.00
Berries,	60.04
Poultry,	104.62
Butter,	195.57
Eggs,	41.67
Stock,	20.00
Board,	180.00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,498.25

EXPENDITURES,

Geo. E. Clough, Treasurer,	\$1,400.75
Labor,	31.00
Soap and disinfectants,	20.00
Printing,	.50
Perry Nursery Co.,	2.50
Food supplies,	26.15
Barber,	5.95
Carfares for inmates,	4.50
Brushes,	6.90
	<hr/> \$1,498.25

We would recommend the following appropriations:

Support of poor,	\$10,000.00
Contingent,	500.00
Salaries,	605.00

F. J. HAMILTON,
PATRICK FITZGERALD,
DR. C. H. GIROUX.

Overseers of the Poor.

W. C. HITCHCOCK, Clerk.

Tax Collector's Report

Account of 1912.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1915,	\$7.72
Paid Treasurer in 1916,	7.72

Account of 1913.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1915,	\$573.44
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Account of 1914.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1915,	\$6,304.05
Interest,	226.02
Total,	<hr/> \$6,530.07
Paid Treasurer in 1916,	4,490.92
	<hr/> \$2,039.15

Account of 1915.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1915,	\$15,142.87
Interest,	86.02
Total,	<hr/> \$15,228.89
Paid Treasurer in 1916,	10,433.07
	<hr/> \$4,795.82

Account of 1916.

Amount to be collected,	\$139,649.80
Additions,	7,608.20
Interest,	121.56
Total,	<hr/> \$147,379.56
Abatements,	171.34
Paid Treasurer,	\$135,417.46
	<hr/> \$135,588.80
	<hr/> \$11,790.76

J. A. HAWKS,
Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916,		\$7,771.00
J. A. Hawkes, Tax Collector, tax, 1912,	\$7.72	
J. A. Hawkes, Tax Collector, tax, 1914,	4,490.92	
J. A. Hawkes, Tax Collector, tax, 1915,	10,433.07	
J. A. Hawkes, Tax Collector, tax, 1916,	135,417.46	
Commonwealth, various sources,	15,172.62	
Cities and towns various sources,	2,703.36	
Liquor licenses,	10,805.00	
Tax loans,	65,000.00	
All other sources,	6,270.32	
	<hr/>	\$250,300.47
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		\$258,071.47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out on Town Warrants,	\$224,657.40
Balance,	\$33,414.07
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	\$258,071.47

GEORGE E. CLOUGH,
Town Treasurer.

Auditors' Report

Jan. 17, 1917.

To the Selectmen of Palmer:

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for 1916 and find the following:

Balance Jan. 1, 1916,	\$7,771.00	
Receipts during the year,	250,300.47	
	<hr/>	\$258,071.47
Total expenditures,		224,657.40
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Balance Dec. 31, 1916,		\$33,414.07

The accounts of the Tax Collector show the following:

Account of 1912.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1916,	\$7.72
Paid Treasurer,	7.72
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Account of 1913.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1916,	\$573.44
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Account of 1914.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1916,	\$6,304.05	
Interest collected,	226.02	
	<hr/>	\$6,530.07
Paid Treasurer,		4,490.92
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1916,		\$2,039.15

Account of 1915.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1916,	\$15,142.87	
Interest collected,	86.02	
	<hr/>	\$15,228.89
Paid Treasurer,		10,433.07
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1916,		\$4,795.82

Account of 1916.

Assessors' Warrant, to be collected,	\$139,649.80	
Assessors' Warrant, additional,	7,603.20	
Interest collected,	121.56	
	<hr/>	\$147,379.56
Paid Treasurer,	\$135,417.46	
Abatements,	171.34	
	<hr/>	\$135,588.80
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1916,		\$11,790.76

We find the standing of Trust Funds Dec. 31, 1916, was as follows :

Perpetual care of cemetery lots,	\$14,435.00
Income account on above,	547.95
Thompson Fund,	951.28
Merrick Fund,	850.00

EVERETT N. CARPENTER,

CHARLES K. GAMWELL.

Auditors of Palmer.

License Commissioners' Report

Palmer, Jan. 4, 1917.

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

The Board of License Commissioners organized Feb. 16, 1916, electing William Burdick chairman and Patrick H. Carney clerk. It was voted to have the price of all licenses the same as previous years. The number of applications received was as follows:

Fifteen first-class, two fourth-class, five sixth-class and six fourth-class with the first-class.

The Board met April 20 and granted seven first-class, one fourth-class, five sixth-class and four of the fourth-class with the first-class.

The Board later granted thirteen common victualler's licenses, thirteen Sunday licenses and seven inn-holders' licenses.

WILLIAM BURDICK,
PATRICK H. GARVEY,
JOHN S. WELCH.
Board of License Commissioners.

Sealer of Weights and Measures Report

For the Year ending December 31, 1916.

This department has tested, sealed, corrected or condemned the following:

	Adjusted.	Sealed.	Condemned.
Platform scales weighing over 5,000 pounds,	2	14	
Platform scales weighing under 5,000 pounds,	.	91	.
Counter scales,	5	77	.
Spring balance scales,	.	51	3
Computing scales,	.	39	.
Slot weighing scales,	.	6	.
Weights,	.	625	3
Liquid measures,	.	109	.
Oil measuring pumps,	.	23	.
Molasses measuring pumps,	.	8	.
Yard measures,	.	9	.
Special inspection of scales,	.	40	.
Reweighing of coal,	.	15	.
Reweighing of ice,	.	20	.
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Total,	7	1,127	6
Receipt of office,			\$102.86
Expense of office,			22.70
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Balance paid Town Treasurer,			\$80.16

J. A. HAWKES,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Chief of Police Report

Palmer, Mass., January 1, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The police report for the year 1916 shows a total of 422 arrests. Of those arrested 175 were residents and 247 non-residents; 408 were males and 14 were females.

Causes of complaint were as follows:

Assault,	41
Assault on officer,	1
Breaking and entering,	5
Carrying a revolver,	4
Carrying a dirk-knife,	1
Disturbing the peace,	4
Drunkenness,	194
Delinquent and neglected children,	25
Fugitive from justice,	3
Forgery,	1
Liquor nuisance,	4
Lewdness,	6
Larceny,	24
Malicious mischief,	1
Non-support,	5
Railroad trespass,	7
Search warrants for liquors,	4
Vagrancy,	33
Violation of school laws,	15
Violation of slaughtering laws,	1
Violation of pedlars laws,	5
Violation of motor vehicle laws,	17
Violation of laws regarding fireworks,	1
Unnaturalized citizen having a rifle,	1

Nineteen persons were summoned to court for keeping unlicensed dogs. Six stray dogs were killed.

Many cases were investigated in which formal com-

plaints were not made involving alleged violation of automobile laws, laws relative to the carrying of weapons and firearms and the laws regarding abandonment and non-support of families by husbands and fathers.

I believe that the officers of the force have endeavored faithfully to do their duty as they have seen it upon all occasions, and that they have earned and deserve the confidence and support of the people in their work.

TIMOTHY J. CRIMMINS,
Chief of Police.

Young Men's Library Association

Report of the Librarian for the Year ending December
31, 1916.

To the Members of the Young Men's Library Association:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Librarian
of your association.

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year has been 49,408. It was as follows: Main Library, 31,342; Three Rivers Branch, 11,183; Bondsville Branch, 4,984; Thorndike Branch, 1,899. This circulation shows a decrease of 4,204 from that of last year. This fact of a decrease is not indicative of having reached our maximum circulation, in my opinion.

If there is a maximum circulation, beyond which our library can not go because of the size of our town, it is safe to assume that it is not less than 75,000. The present circulation shows, then, if such an assumption is correct, that we are not meeting the needs in the best way possible.

Our circulation of 49,408 is good. (Do not misunderstand my frankness.) It is not, nevertheless, what it should be. I believe the village possibilities have not been utilized as they should. I believe that, if we give them books as fully as possible, the village residents will gladly read many more of them. This is a situation that we ought to meet.

One condition has had something to do with the decrease in circulation—good business conditions. When people are as busy as they have been the past year they take less time for reading.

GIFT.

During the past year, the association received from Mrs. Annie Davis Brocklebank of Lawrence, Mass., a check for \$500, tendered by her in memory of her father and mother at her mother's request. The gift was accepted by a vote of the Trustees on Wednesday, June 7, 1916, which specified that the money be deposited in the Palmer Savings Bank under the name of the Trustees of the Young Men's Library Association as "The Edwin L. and Deliah S. Davis Memorial Fund," the income only to be drawn by the treasurer of the association upon the approval of the Board of Directors. Such action insures the keeping of the fund intact and thus creating a perpetual memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

This room is very popular with the children. It is used extensively by them. No change in our equipment or facilities has been made which will ultimately mean more for the welfare of our community than this.

Surely a room so attractively and suitably furnished ought to attract our boys and girls.

POLICY.

The purpose of a public library is to serve the public. The greater the service it can thus render, the more is it fulfilling its function.

That our library shall do this is our most ardent desire. That nothing shall prevent it from doing this is our intention.

Any criticisms or suggestions from the public will be gladly and courteously received.

STATISTICS.

Circulation.

Main Library, fiction,	26,816	
Main Library, non-fiction,	4,526	31,342
Branch Libraries, Three Rivers,	11,183	
Branch Libraries, Bondsville,	4,984	
Branch Libraries, Thorndike,	1,899	
	<hr/>	18,066
Total,		49,408
Last year,		53,662
Decrease,		4,204
Books on hand January 1, 1916,		11,657
Purchased,		453
Donated,		52
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Books on hand aJnuary 1, 1917,		12,162
Number of papers and magazines supplies,		51
Respectfully submitted,		

CLIFTON H. HOBSON,
Librarian.

Palmer, Mass., January 11, 1917.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand December 31, 1915,	\$31.17	
R. A. R., coal,	42.78	
Fines, check returned, etc.,	154.61	
Town of Palmer,	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,228.56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss Robinson, attendant,	\$600.00	
Miss Swan, assistant,	300.00	
Janitor,	156.00	
Branch Library expenses,	360.00	
Oliver Bearse, assistant,	4.48	
Books and magazines,	796.03	
Fuel and lights,	341.25	
Miscellaneous expenses,	168.71	
	<hr/>	\$2,726.47
Balance on hand December 30, 1917,		\$502.09

LOUIS E. CHANDLER,
Treasurer.

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

County of Hampden, ss.

Town of Palmer.

To either of the Constables of the town of Palmer, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to-wit: In Precinct A, at Holbrook's Hall in the Holbrook Building on Main Street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at Temperance Hall on High Street in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at Polish Lyceum Hall on East Main Street in Three Rivers, and in Precinct D, at Boston Duck Company's Hall on Main Street in Bonds-ville, on Monday, the fifth day of February, A. D., 1917, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following town officers, to wit: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, two Auditors, five Constables, three Fence Viewers, three License Commissioners, and a Highway Surveyor, all for the term of one year; one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, two members of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Health, and one Cemetery Commissioner, all for the term of three years; also one member of the School Committee for the term of one year (to fill a vacancy); also to vote by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at six o'clock in the forenoon, and will be closed at three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the twelfth day of February, A. D., 1917, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose two or more Field Drivers, Measurers of Wool and Bark, and all other usual town officers.

Art. 3. To act on the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the ensuing financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for current expenses of the town, but not exceeding in the aggregate the amount permitted by law, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof; all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from the revenue of the said financial year.

Art. 6. To hear and act on the reports of committees.

Art. 7. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 8. To determine the date from which taxes shall bear interest.

Art. 9. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the School Committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the Selectmen to make contract therefor, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the care and improvement of cemeteries.

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks and curbing.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages, authorize the Selectmen to employ and appoint in addition a chief of police and to make rules and regulations for the government of all the police officers of the town, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see what action the town will take relative to suits and claims now pending against the town.

Art. 21. To see if the town will make provision for reimbursing the police officers for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 22. To see if the town will appropriate money for the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths and elm tree beetles.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the repair and maintenance of the clock located in the Universalist Church tower, in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for insurance and maintenance of the auto fire truck, for the coming year, or see what action it will take relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will appropriate money for defraying the town's share of the support of the District Court.

Art. 26. To see if the town will appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the cost of the rent, janitor service and maintenance of the town offices in the Holbrook Building.

Art. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for watering public streets and determine the extent to which, and the manner in which, the cost of watering said streets shall be assessed upon the abutting estates, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any sum, and pay the same to the Wing Memorial Hospital Association, to be used by it for the charitable purposes of the association within the Town of Palmer.

Art. 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the support of agricultural demonstration work on land owned by it or by any resident of the town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 707 of the Acts of 1914.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk, with curbing, in front of the residence of J. P. Lynde on the westerly side of North Main Street in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to extend the present sewer from a point near the French Catholic Church in Three Rivers northeasterly to a point nearly opposite the Town House, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from a point in Oak Street in the Depot Village nearly opposite the house of Herbert L. Capen about 300 feet to the Quaboag River, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer in Harvey Avenue in Thorndike, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Randall Street in the Depot Village from Main Street to Shearer Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in State Street in the Village of Bondsville from a point opposite the residence of Patrick T. Cavin westerly to a connection with the present sewer near Pleasant Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 36. To see if the town will establish and maintain an electric light on the corner of Holbrook and Pine Streets in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain two cluster lights on Main Street in the Depot Village between Central and Church Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to establish a street light on Central Street in the Depot Village between Main and Pleasant Streets.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain an electric light on Church Street in the Depot Village, midway between Main and Pleasant Streets, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to establish an incandescent light at a point near the highway leading across the Boston & Maine Railroad, near the property of the late Humphrey Sullivan in Bondsville, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to build a new concrete sidewalk in the Village of Bondsville from a point at the east side of the bridge leading to the Boston & Albany Railroad station to connect with the present concrete walk on Main Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to repair the retaining wall on the east side of Main Street, in the Village of Bondsville against property of the late O. A. Parent, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk on the southerly side of Converse Street in the Depot Village from the easterly boundary of W. E. Stone's property to the terminus of the present concrete walk opposite property of H. D. Converse, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to repair and raise the walk in Main Street, Bondsville, from a point opposite estate of O. A. Parent northerly along Main Street about 200 feet, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to pave or otherwise improve Main Street in the Depot Village from Central Street to the railroad bridge at Church Street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to grade and harden the northerly end of Holbrook Street in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to re-surface that part of the macadam road in Church Street, Thorndike, between the junction of Main and Church Streets, near No. 1 Mill, and the canal bridge near No. 2 Mill, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to macadamize Commercial and High Streets in the Village of Thorndike, from the end of the present macadam near Exchange Block to Lake Junction, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 49. To see what action the town will take to raise the price paid per day for teams from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per day of eight hours.

Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to purchase a safe for the use of the Town Treasurer, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 51. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for new floor and stairs in the engine house on Park Street in the Depot Village.

Art. 52. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$400.00 for new fire hose.

Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to adopt any by-law or regulation regarding the driving of motor vehicles and teams at intersections and crossings of public ways in and through village streets.

Act. 54. To see if the town will vote to join hands with the Springfield Street Railway Company in the construction of a bridge in place of the present Dutton Bridge, or vote to pay to the Springfield Street Railway Company any sum of money toward the construction of an independent bridge for the sole use of said Railway Company, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to provide additional school accommodations, to acquire, by purchase or by right of eminent domain, any land or site for a school building or buildings or for school purposes, and raise money for the same by taxation or by an issue of bonds, notes or script, and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 56. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 153 of the General Acts of the year 1916 relative to the license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place

in each of the four villages of the town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least two issues of the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of January, A. D. 1917.

HAROLD W. BRAINERD,
CHARLES D. HOLDEN,
WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,
Selectmen of Palmer.

Town of Palmer

School Report

**For the Year Ending
December 30, 1916**

School Committee 1916-1917

Dr. George A. Moore, Chairman.

Clifton H. Hobson, Secretary.

Dr. George A. Moore,	Term Expires 1919
John F. Shea,	Term Expires 1919
William Kerigan,	Term Expires 1918
Dr. John F. Roche,	Term Expires 1918
Samuel E. Thayer,	Term Expires 1917
James Wilson,	Term Expires 1917

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7.30 p. m., on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, Clifton H. Hobson.

Office, High School Building. Telephone, 54-4.

Residence, 30 Pearl Street. Telephone, 54-3.

Office hours: 8 a. m. to 12 m., 1.30 to 5 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p. m. except the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George A. Bills,	Depot
T. J. Crimmins,	Depot
Edward McKelligett,	Thorndike
Thomas Holt,	Three Rivers
William Smith,	Three Rivers
John Mansfield,	Bondsville
Arthur Bennett,	Forest Lake

JANITORS.

Charles Johnson,	High School
Charles Johnson,	Palmer
Cyril Gay,	Thorndike
C. E. Fuller,	Bondsville
William Smith,	Three Rivers

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

February 1, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Shea.

February 15, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Shea, Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Thayer.

February 28, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche.

March 3, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Kerigan,
Mr. Shea.

May 23, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Wilson.

June 27, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Shea.

August 14, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Kerigan, Mr. Shea.

September 1, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Kerigan, Mr. Thayer.

September 26, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Thayer, Mr. Wilson.

October 24, 1916. Dr. Moore, Dr. Roche, Mr. Shea, Mr. Thayer.

Calendar

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term begins January 2, 1917; ends February 23, 1917.
Spring term begins March 5, 1917; ends April 27, 1917.
Summer term begins May 7, 1917; ends June 29, 1917.
Fall term begins September 4, 1917; ends December 21, 1917.
Winter term begins January 2, 1918; ends February 22, 1918.
Spring term begins March 4, 1918; ends April 26, 1918.
Summer term begins May 6, 1918; ends June 28, 1918.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Winter term begins January 2, 1917; ends February 23, 1917.
Spring term begins March 5, 1917; ends April 27, 1917.
Summer term begins May 7, 1917; ends June 15, 1917.
Fall term begins September 4, 1917; ends December 21, 1917.
Winter term begins January 2, 1918; ends February 22, 1918.
Spring term begins March 4, 1918; ends April 26, 1918.
Summer term begins May 6, 1918; ends June 14, 1918.

VACATIONS—ALL SCHOOLS.

Winter—February 23, 1917, to March 4, 1917, inclusive.
Spring—April 27, 1917, to May 6, 1917, inclusive.
Summer—(Grades) : June 15, 1917, to September 3, 1917, inclusive.
(High) : June 29, 1917, to September 3, 1917, inclusive.
Fall—December 21, 1917, to January 2, 1918, inclusive.
Winter—February 22, 1918, to March 4, 1918, inclusive.
Spring—April 26, 1918, to May 5, 1918, inclusive.

HOLIDAYS.

Fair Day, Columbus Day, Convention Day, Thanksgiving (with the day following), Washington's Birthday, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Palmer:

Your School Committee herewith submits its annual report.

The condition of the school property is but little changed, and is therefore one of a fair state of repair.

Grammar school buildings in Three Rivers, Thorndike and Palmer are crowded, and the school in Bondsville is filled to its extreme capacity. The crowding in Three Rivers and Palmer is such that we were obliged to secure housing for certain classes in other than grammar school buildings.

Work done by the teaching force this year has been of the usual conscientious and able sort. The work is not the easier—particularly in English branches—because of the following astonishing fact: In more than 70 per cent of the children's homes in the villages of Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, English is not spoken. Naturally enough, this home condition finds reflection in the English work of the pupils at school.

The evening school for illiterates—so-called—although all who attend by no means belong under that head, has amply justified itself. Beyond question a great deal of good has already been accomplished.

The evening Commercial course is an experiment. It is popular, and may be profitable to the town. If after proper trial this latter proves a fact and the citizens approve, we will continue the work on some basis.

The Summer school was given a trial, with misgivings upon the part of at least some of your committee. It was felt that the young should have this part of the Summer sea-

son for recreation, considering the urge of the regular work during all the school year. It is undecided as to the continuance of this work.

Your committee will require \$56,385.00 to prosecute the school work this year. This is an increase of \$3,260 over last year.

All school materials are much higher in cost than they were last year, and some necessary increases in salaries of teachers have been made. Probably this latter item will show a further increase soon, and in the opinion of your committee it is right that it should.

A considerable sum of money has been saved by anticipating needs and making purchases of supplies at times preceding advances in price.

A report will be made in due season of a plan for increased school accommodations. The committee having this in charge has brought experience and good judgment to the task, and doubtless will offer valuable suggestions for the relief of our crowded school condition.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is made a part of this report.

COMPARISON OF RECOMMENDATIONS*

	1917	1916	Difference
General Expenses,	\$3,490	\$3,225	+\$265
Teachers' Salaries,	30,150	27,700	+2,450
Textbooks and Supplies,	3,000	2,750	+250
Transportation,	3,080	3,100	—20
Janitors' Services,	2,765	2,650	+115
Fuel and Light,	4,450	3,650	+800
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds,	1,000	1,000	0
Rent,	150	200	—50
Repairs of School Buildings, Music, Manual Training, and Drawing,	800	1,800	—1,000
Commercial,	2,100	1,950	+150
Furniture and Furnishings,	3,700	3,500	+200
Other Expenses,	600	600	0
	1,100	1,000	+100
	<hr/> \$56,385	<hr/> \$53,125	<hr/> +\$3,260
Total Increase,			\$3,260

*“+” indicates increase; “—”, decrease.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. GEORGE A. MOORE,

DR. JOHN F. ROCHE,

WILLIAM KERIGAN,

JOHN F. SHEA,

JAMES WILSON,

SAMUEL E. THAYER,

COMMITTEE.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Palmer. This is the twenty-fourth in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the town.

INTRODUCTION.

Every school report should possess certain distinctive features, said features depending upon certain distinctive conditions, as locality, time, changing conditions, and increasing demands. Every school report, further, should be addressed to a particular audience. This report will follow these two requisite demands. Needs and desires will be discussed; and the selected audience will be the citizens of Palmer.

Before entering upon this discussion, very brief statements will be made upon facts that need attention every year.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance statistics for the school year of 1915-16 show the existence of a healthy school condition. The percentage of attendance, 96.2%, is but .24% below the highest ever attained—96.44%. There were 151 tardy cases, or an average of one for 11 1-3 pupils. There were 205 pupils perfect in attendance—neither absent nor tardy; this means that 12% of the average membership was perfect.

COST.

The question of cost is "always with us." This year, in particular, is this so, because of the tax rate prevailing locally. There is no question about the rate being high. This condition exists very generally throughout the state. The demands upon the public treasury are growing greater and greater with each succeeding year. The public demands more and more. The community now undertakes projects which formerly were left to the individual, if done at all. The building and maintenance of roads, streets, and sewers, the provision of police and fire protection, and even the furnishing of educational opportunity—all now publicly financed—were once done by the individual or a small group of individuals, if at all. Constantly, the undertakings by the community are growing more varied and extensive.

This is a good tendency along many lines. Better, more universal provision can be made at less expense in this way. The recognition of man's social obligations is essential to the right kind of living. Yet, it must be remembered that all of these things cost money; that they can not be done without the tax rate growing larger and larger. The public expense is greater; the private much smaller than it would be without the public provision.

The people would refuse, for the most part, to go back to the days without police and fire protection, street lights, good water, proper sewerage, public schools, and good roads. Consequently, if they will have these things—and they should—they must pay the bills. Directly or indirectly, whether property owner or tenant, all the people help pay the bills. The only possible means of alleviation is the strict practice of economy. True economy is practiced where all necessary things are provided for the best prosecution of the work, where neither reprehensive parsimony nor prodigality is indulged in.

Two tables are herewith submitted which will give an excellent basis for comparison between Palmer and some

other towns in the state. These tables are not selected with the thought in mind of choosing only those towns whose comparison with this town will make Palmer seem to be a fortunate community.

There are two reasons for the inclusion of these tables. Table I is made up of the seventeen (17) towns out of three hundred fifty-three (353) in the state which had a smaller valuation per pupil in average membership in the public schools for the school year ending June 30, 1916. Other pertinent facts that should be furnished so that a thorough comparison can be made—population, tax rate, expenditure per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for school purposes, total expenditures from local taxation and all sources—are given. Palmer, sixty-fourth (64th) in population in the state, is three hundred thirty-sixth (336th) in valuation per pupil; one hundred ninety-first (191st) in tax rate and thirteenth (13th) in expenditure per one thousand dollars (\$1,000), is three hundred thirty-fifth (335th) in average cost per pupil. In other words, eighteen (18) towns only have a smaller cost per pupil.

Table II includes the eighteen (18) towns whose cost per pupil for the year ending December 31, 1915, was less than that of Palmer. Notice, if you please, that the tax rate in these towns is, on an average, two dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$2.59) more and the cost per pupil—remember that only towns with a smaller cost were taken—only two dollars and nineteen cents (\$2.19) less. Palmer's cost is thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$13.25) less than the average cost of the state.

TABLE I. SEVENTEEN TOWNS WITH

			Valuation per		Rate of Total		Expenditure p	
			Pupil in Average		Tax per \$1,000		\$1,000 of Valu	
			Membership, Year		Valuation, 1915		tion for Schoo	
			ending June 30,		Dec. 31, 1915		purposes fror	
			Local Taxatio		Year ending		Year ending	
			1915		1915		1915	
			April 1, 1915.		Valuation, 1915		Dec. 31, 1915	
			Amt. Rank		Amt. Rank		Amt. Rank	
Groveland	2,377	\$1,386,298	\$3,054	337	\$22.20	57	\$7.78	38
Somerset	3,377	1,837,798	3,028	338	19.50	150	7.24	64
Huntington	1,427	774,305	2,990	339	23.00	17	8.52	17
Auburn	3,281	1,786,575	2,958	340	17.60	217	8.45	21
Rehoboth	2,228	1,070,243	2,893	341	16.70	244	4.93	226
Chester	1,344	854,481	2,848	342	21.00	95	8.40	22
Colrain	1,829	916,439	2,837	343	22.50	46	8.81	11
Middlefield	325	217,883	2,830	344	20.00	135	8.51	18
Templeton	4,081	2,025,073	2,813	345	22.10	58	9.49	5
Provincetown	4,295	2,452,213	2,793	346	22.70	43	7.69	43
Blackstone	5,689	2,465,488	2,603	347	20.60	107	9.59	4
Avon	2,164	1,126,528	2,560	348	24.00	18	8.04	29
Leverett	779	383,144	2,554	349	21.00	97	5.55	177
Belchertown	2,062	1,000,855	2,483	350	22.00	64	7.76	40
Clarksburg	1,114	299,414	2,052	351	23.00	38	9.94	6
Savoy	524	196,755	1,874	352	27.00	2	7.81	36
Gay Head	175	45,090	1,455	353	11.00	340	3.63	312
Average	2,181	\$1,108,152	\$2,625	345	\$20.94	102	\$7.77	63
Palmer	9,468	5,369,660	3,142	336	18.20	191	8.67	13
State Average	10,463	13,512,253	8,686	177	18.33	177	4.64	177

MALLER VALUATION PER PUPIL.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

From Local Taxation			From all Sources			From State			From Other Sources
Per Pupil in Av.			Per Pupil in Av.			Per Pupil in Av.			
Amt.	Memb.	Rank	Amt.	Memb.	Rank	Amt.	Memb.	Rank	
0,786.17	\$23.76	307	\$12,546.08	\$27.63	341	\$1,679.40	3.70	178	\$80.51
1,298.06	21.91	321	14,857.67	24.48	350	1,546.61	2.55	193	13.00
3,600.00	25.48	288	9,431.48	36.41	237	2,245.48	8.67	120	
5,104.42	25.01	290	16,908.25	27.99	338	1,803.83	2.99	186	
5,278.95	14.27	350	8,786.77	23.75	351	3,227.82	8.72	119	280.00
7,181.71	23.94	303	10,502.44	35.01	264	2,461.23	8.20	125	859.50
8,073.27	24.99	291	11,889.59	36.81	228	3,816.32	11.82	97	
1,853.15	24.07	300	5,230.83	67.93	30	3,084.74	40.06	18	292.94
9,211.93	26.68	272	21,413.54	29.74	320	1,944.32	2.70	191	257.29
8,847.74	21.47	323	20,392.25	23.23	352	1,543.51	1.76	199	
3,647.74	24.97	292	24,481.07	25.85	347	833.33	.88	211	
9,058.35	20.59	329	11,137.51	25.31	348	2,012.16	4.57	163	67.00
2,125.85	14.17	351	4,335.07	28.90	331	2,209.22	14.73	81	
7,763.92	19.27	340	10,901.20	27.05	343	2,609.83	6.48	143	527.45
2,825.70	19.35	339	5,379.45	36.84	227	2,553.75	14.49	82	
1,536.08	14.63	349	3,191.38	30.39	314	1,631.30	15.54	78	24.00
163.89	5.29	353	1,477.14	47.65	109	1,313.25	42.36	14	
9,020.99	\$20.60	317	\$11,343.69	\$32.65	284	\$2,148.00	11.19	129	\$141.27
6,532.03	\$27.23	264	\$48,580.19	\$28.43	335	\$574.25	.34	225	\$1,473.91
2,706.82	\$40.31	177	\$64,829.58	\$41.68	177	\$1,251.25	.80	177	\$871.51

TABLE II. EIGHTEEN TOWNS WITH SMALLER COST PER PUPIL.

	Valuation April 1, 1915.	Population Census, 1915.	Tax Rate 1915.		Expenditure per \$1,000 of Valuation for School Support 1914-1915		Cost Per Pupil.	
			Amount.	Rank.	Amount.	Rank.	Amount.	Rank.
·Randolph,	\$3,167,150	4,734	19.80	140	\$5.79	157	\$23.03	353
Provincetown,	2,452,213	4,295	22.70	43	7.69	43	23.23	352
Rehoboth,	1,070,243	2,228	16.70	244	4.93	226	23.75	351
Somerset,	1,837,798	3,377	19.50	150	7.24	64	24.48	350
Rockport,	4,085,090	4,351	18.00	203	5.00	219	24.74	349
Avon,	1,126,528	2,164	24.00	18	8.04	29	25.31	348
Blackstone,	2,465,488	5,689	20.60	107	9.59	4	25.85	347
Saugus,	7,137,876	60	22.30	51	8.04	28	26.31	346
Holbrook,	1,782,825	2,948	20.00	126	7.27	63	26.96	345
Maynard,	4,175,148	6,770	20.00	122	7.68	44	26.96	344
Belchertown,	1,000,855	2,062	22.00	64	7.76	40	27.05	343
Woburn,	13,520,865	16,410	24.50	10	5.71	166	27.27	342
Groveland,	1,386,298	2,377	22.20	57	7.78	38	27.63	341
Revere,	23,444,600	25,178	23.60	24	6.09	140	27.70	340
East Bridgewater,	2,901,169	3,689	20.70	104	6.80	92	27.79	339
Auburn,	1,786,575	3,281	17.60	217	8.45	21	27.99	338
West Bridgewater,	1,875,074	2,741	16.00	266	6.29	119	28.05	337
Milburn,	3,399,117	5,295	24.00	17	7.75	41	28.19	336
Average,	\$4,367,495	5,990	\$20.79	109	\$7.11	85	\$26.24	345
Palmer,	\$5,369,660	9,468	\$18.20	191	\$8.67	13	\$28.43	335
State Average,	\$13,512,253	10,463	\$18.33	177	\$4.64	177	\$41.68	177

Can any better or more convincing presentation of facts or figures be given to prove that Palmer is getting her educational work at an economical price? Do these facts prove that reasonable economy is being practiced?

No one would attempt to argue that more and more money is not asked for by the schools each year. Ten years ago, the schools were spending \$27,801.07; they had an average membership of 1,039.24. Last year, they spent \$48,580.19; they had an average membership of 1,671.26. The cost ten years ago was \$26.75 per pupil; last year, it was \$28.54, an increase of \$1.79. Ten years ago, manual training and commercial work were not done in Palmer schools; to-day, they are.

The average cost per pupil for the past ten years is \$28.50. For the past five years, the average cost has been \$29.24 per pupil. The year previous to the incumbency of the present Superintendent the cost was \$28.91. The next year, only a part of which—less than a half—was within his time, the cost was \$29.39. The increased cost during his direction has been about \$.33.

In brief, while the total cost has increased to a considerable extent, the cost per pupil—the real basis for judgment—has not increased perceptibly.

EXTENSION WORK.

The extension work of the Palmer schools has broadened materially. The three distinct lines are the work of the Night Schools, of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and of the Vacation School.

NIGHT SCHOOLS. Evening school work has been in progress for three years. The first year provision was made only for illiterate minors. The enrollment for that year was two hundred ninety-five (295). The second year this work was extended so as to include three classes in citizenship. The following statistics for last year are given:

ATTENDANCE.

	Three Rivers	Bonds- ville	Thorn- dike	Sum- mary
Enrollment	104	60	42	206
Average Membership	84.81	48.56	34.54	167.91
Average Attendance	74.01	44.53	29.60	148.14
Per Cent. of attendance,	87.27	91.72	85.69	88.23
Tardiness	0	0	0	0
Perfect in Attendance	23	0	0	23

COST.

Teachers' Salaries,	\$654.00
Janitors' Salaries,	90.00
Textbooks and Supplies,	39.13
Other Expenses,	5.75
Transportation,	15.53
Total,	<hr/> \$804.41
Cost per Night—40 nights,	\$20.11
Cost Based on Average Membership,	5.56
Cost Based on Average Attendance,	4.79
Cost per Pupil per Night,	.133

This year the work has been enlarged still further. Commercial work is now being done two evenings a week in the high school. It seemed advisable to utilize more fully the extensive equipment in the Commercial Department, particularly in view of the fact that many of the older young men and young women in the town were hungry for just such an opportunity.

These figures show the wisdom of such a step:

Number Enrolled,	121
Number taking Bookkeeping,	89
Number taking Typewriting,	71
Number taking Stenography,	55
Number taking Penmanship,	54
Number taking Arithmetic,	48
Number taking English,	45

This course is new and has, consequently, attracted some who will not "stick." A shrinkage of some size

must be anticipated. Still, it is safe to assume that a large number will finish the work of the year. Many of these are now engaged in work where a knowledge of what they are studying will help largely in their daily vocation. No better work, with the possible exception of the work for illiterates, has been publicly undertaken in town for some time than this. When the small cost, comparatively speaking, involved in doing such a desirable work is considered, it seems as though it were a trifle.

The work for illiterates this year is progressing well. One additional class, made up mostly of men of Polish and Italian extraction beyond the compulsory age, was opened in the high school. There are six classes for illiterate minors, and three for those interested in becoming naturalized. The enrollment in the elementary evening schools this year is about one hundred thirty (130). Owing to European War conditions, the number of illiterate minors has vastly shrunk.

The total enrollment in all of our evening classes is at least two hundred fifty (250). A town of less than ten thousand (10,000) population, with two and one-half per cent. ($2\frac{1}{2}\%$) of its people in night school endeavoring to improve themselves, is not a bad town, in which to live.

VACATION SCHOOL. was in session for five weeks. Last summer a vacation school The school cared for pupils in Grades 6, 7, and 8 who had failed of promotion or who had been conditionally promoted. These pupils were all given an opportunity to "make good" in the next grade. Reports at this time indicate that many of them are doing so. The school seemed to meet a need. Its success warrants its continuance. As a school need, it was successful; as a financial move, it was wise.

The statistics are as follows :

Enrollment,	39
Average Membership,	38.25
Average Attendance,	37.5
Per Cent. of Attendance,	98.3
Total Cost,	\$94.07
Cost per Pupil in Average Membership,	\$2.46
Cost per Pupil in Average Attendance,	\$2.51

The cost of ninety-four dollars and seven cents (\$94.07) consisted of sixty dollars (\$60) in salary and the remainder in transportation. Our average cost per pupil in the grades is about twenty-three dollars (\$23); consequently, the "making good" of four pupils will offset the cost. Many more than four will do this.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS.

Club work was started, under the direction of the Hampden County Improvement League, about the middle of May. Although the start was late, one hundred eighty-two (182) boys and girls expressed a desire to take part in some of the home projects; later, twelve (12) more enrolled. Every village in town was fairly well represented. Only seven failed to start something.

The pupils, in the following numbers, chose these projects:—Gardening, 109; potato growing, 14; chicken raising, 33; pork production, 4; canning, 34. The members of the canning club put up over one thousand (1000) quarts of fruit, vegetables and greens, and several of them won prizes at the recent National Dairy Show. A conservative estimate of the value of garden products, potatoes, and poultry produced, not including the value of the canned articles, was well in excess of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200).

The first year's work was a "tremendous success," to use the words of the official of the League directly overseeing the work. Yet, a start only has been made. To properly carry on the work another year, an appropriation of two hundred fifty (\$250) will be necessary for the services of sufficient and efficient leaders.

The town contributed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) ; the Hampden County Improvement League agreed to equal this amount.

The financial statement follows :

Town of Palmer :		
Services of Leader,	\$150.00	\$150.00
Hampden County Improvement League :		
Visiting Schools, Homes, etc., 14 days at \$6 per day,	84.00	
Office Work, Letters, Conferences, 10 days at \$6,	60.00	
Stenographer's Time, Letters, Reports, Bulletins, 13 days		
at \$2 per day,	26.00	
Stationery Used in Above,	12.00	
Free Seeds, 200 Packages, at \$0.03,	6.00	
Automobile, 200 miles at \$0.067,	13.40	201.40
Total,		\$351.40

The value of these lines of extension work is unquestionable. The cost is exceedingly small in proportion to the results obtained and the value of the same. That they should be continued needs no argument ; it is self-evident to all who have read the foregoing. Palmer can take a just and commendable pride in offering such opportunities to her people, young and old.

There is absolutely no tenable argument against offering educational opportunities to those who work days. There is no reason why, when one reaches a certain age, that further public education in some form should not be offered him. Of course, the law says that day schools, elementary and high, shall be maintained ; also, under certain conditions, evening schools for illiterate minors. A town has no option in making such provision. Yet, where people who could not embrace these opportunities in their youthful days want a chance now, it is a moral obligation of the town to provide it. The implication of "ought" should be stronger than that of "must". If towns do not do what they "ought", state law will soon say "must". Sensing an obligation, and then fulfilling the same, is far better and more pleasurable than following out a super-imposed compulsion.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

When school opened this fall, every pupil was examined because of the epidemic of Infantile Paralysis. While such examination was in progress, the medical inspectors kept a tabulation of the names of all pupils who, in their judgment, were afflicted with defective teeth and tonsils, or troubled with adenoids.

The total number of pupils examined was about eighteen hundred (1,800). Seven hundred thirty-five (735) of these were reported as having teeth in poor condition; three hundred sixty-eight (368) as having tonsils that needed attention; and seventy-six (76) as having adenoids.

The tabulation, with Palmer Center and Shorley Schools missing, is:

School.	Teeth.	Tonsils.	Adenoids.	Total.
High,	33	21	—	54
Palmer Grammar,	217	155	—	372
Three Rivers Grammar,	220	90	66	376
Thorndike Grammar,	90	44	—	134
Bondsville Grammar,	138	43	1	182
Wire Mill,	37	15	9	61
	735	368	76	1,179

These findings are staggering. They surely indicate that an extremely large number of Palmer pupils need medical and dental examination and attention. Pupils suffering from these defects can not do the kind of work that they should, nor can they indefinitely continue in good health unless such conditions are rectified. Scientific investigation of many cases in the schools throughout the country has proven these contentions beyond any point of fair disputation.

Notices are being sent to parents acquainting them of the condition found, if poor, which means a large amount of work for the school department. The benefits to be derived are solely dependent upon the interest and co-operation of the parents themselves. The school has no power of com-

pulsion in this matter; it can advise, and advise only. It would seem that no other compulsion than a parental love, care, and duty should be needed. Yet, indifference, carelessness, and a certain kind of ignorance often prevent some parents from doing what they ought. This is said in a spirit of kindness, and is said, because the writer believes it to be true and believes that frank and honest bluntness demands such a statement. Parents can not be urged too forcefully to do their part.

The proper way to make this work a success, in the writer's opinion, would be to enlist the services of the District Nurse to follow up these notices by personal visitation to each home. The success or failure of any project calling for co-operation is absolutely dependent, after being launched, upon some kind of a successful "follow-up" scheme. This may occur to some as an invasion of personal rights. Some are very sensitive about such visits. Generally, people who do what they should, do not resent being asked about it, if the spirit of the interrogator is right. The first reception of its installation is not always kindly; but, in a short time, the results obtained and the spirit shown convince even the most "touchy" that it is a fine institution. The Palmer schools need this badly.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The efficiency of this department is ably testified to by these statistics:

	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	Total.
Graduates,	13	5	14	14	21	67
Number Now						
Working,	9	5	12	11	18	53
Number Reporting,	5	5	12	10	16	48
Combined Weekly						
Wage,	\$76.35	\$65	\$152.05	\$126.50	\$166.50	\$586.40
Combined Yearly						
Wage,	3,970.20	3,380	7,282.60	6,578.00	8,658.00	30,492.80

Last June twenty-one were graduated, of whom twenty accepted positions. The one remaining is taking post-graduate work in Springfield.

Further comment is not necessary.

A CHANGED PROBLEM.

A few years ago the number of pupils who entered Palmer schools without the ability to recognize spoken English was exceedingly small. A study of the conditions existing to-day reveals that this fact is no longer true.

In the village schools particularly, a large number of the pupils do not hear English used at home. In short, English is to them practically a foreign language to be learned. In Three Rivers, Thorndike, and Bondsville, approximately seventy per cent. (70%) of the pupils come from homes where English is not spoken. A close study of the tables following will disclose some unappreciated conditions confronting the schools.

The quality of work done must suffer. It is beyond reason to expect the high degree of purity in oral or written English that could be obtained were conditions different. A paucity of vocabulary, a lack of smoothness of diction, a failure to grasp the thought from the written page so as to explain it in English must be expected.

Yet, there is a wide field of usefulness for the schools. The conception of their service must be changed to some extent. To teach the children how to live according to the best accepted American ideals of true, clean, wholesome living and thinking, to educate them to become Americans in the best sense of the word, to give them the true standards of right citizenship in sensing privileges, obligations, duties, and opportunities for service, this is a worthy task. If anyone does this, it will be the American public schools.

The public schools welcome this task. They stand ready to be of the best possible service to mankind. They appreciate that the proper fulfillment of the work as mentioned above will redound more to public good than the completion of any other task.

The thing to be borne in mind is that, with changed conditions and, consequently, changed conceptions, a changed basis of judgment must be used.

These tables give the facts concretely:

TABLE I.

NATIONALITY OF PARENTS OF PUPILS, BASED ON NATIONALITY OF FATHER.

GRADES.

Grade	American Born	English	Scotch	Irish	French	Polish	Swedish	German	Jewish	Italian	Danish	Greek	Hungarian	Total
I,	70	2	3	14	15	163	8	2	3	8	0	2	1	291
II,	76	5	1	7	13	132	2	1	0	8	0	0	0	245
III,	89	1	1	14	8	108	6	2	3	2	1	0	0	235
IV,	82	5	4	14	12	79	3	4	0	6	1	0	0	210
V,	51	10	2	12	10	71	3	4	2	3	0	0	0	168
VI,	54	4	0	13	16	62	5	0	2	5	2	0	0	163
VII,	56	3	2	17	2	46	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	135
VIII,	35	3	0	10	10	24	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	86
IX,	49	4	2	14	4	10	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	88
Total,	562	37	15	115	90	695	34	15	14	34	7	2	1	1,631

HIGH SCHOOL.

X,	44	5	1	7	4	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	67
XI,	9	.	.	5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
XII,	36	2	3	2	1	1	1	.	1	.	1	.	.	48
XIII,	21	.	1	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Specials,	5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
	115	7	5	17	6	5	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	162

TABLE II.
PARENTAGE OF PUPILS BASED ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE NATIVE LAND OF PARENTS—
THE LANGUAGE CHIEFLY USED IN HOME.
HIGH SCHOOL.

Class	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Special	Total
Total Number of Pupils	66	14	48	27	5	160
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	63	14	48	27	5	157
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	3	0	0	0	0	3
Both Parents Native Born	37	7	29	22	4	99
One Parent Native Born	15	2	7	5	0	29
Both Parents Foreign Born	14	5	12	0	1	32
From English Speaking Homes	62	14	47	26	5	154
From Non-English Speaking Homes	4	0	1	1	0	6
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	6.5	0	2.12	3.6	0	3.75

PALMER.

Grades.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Total Number of Pupils	67	64	66	68	61	65	52	40	48	531
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	65	64	64	64	55	64	50	38	48	512
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	2	0	2	4	6	1	2	2	0	19
Both Parents Native Born	32	22	44	35	32	33	30	22	32	282
One Parent Native Born	10	12	14	8	12	11	11	11	5	94
Both Parents Foreign Born	25	30	8	25	17	21	11	7	11	155
From English Speaking Homes	43	42	51	47	43	47	40	37	45	395
From Non-English Speaking Homes	24	22	15	21	18	18	12	3	3	136
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	35.81	34.38	22.73	30.88	29.51	27.69	23.08	7.5	6.25	25.61

THREE RIVERS.

Grade.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Total Number of Pupils	87	69	63	51	43	38	33	22	16	422
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	80	59	58	46	40	35	30	22	13	383
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	7	10	5	5	3	3	3	0	3	39
Both Parents Native Born	3	9	5	8	8	3	6	4	3	49
One Parent Native Born	3	3	4	4	1	2	4	6	2	29
Both Parents Foreign Born	81	57	54	39	34	33	23	12	11	344
From English Speaking Homes	15	14	16	19	13	12	17	12	11	129
From Non-English Speaking Homes	72	55	47	32	30	26	16	10	5	293
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	82.76	79.71	74.6	62.74	69.77	68.42	48.48	40.9	31.25	69.43

THORNDIKE.

Grade.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Total Number of Pupils	53	44	42	40	31	27	27	13	12	289
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	53	44	41	39	28	27	27	13	12	284
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
Both Parents Native Born	6	10	9	8	6	10	3	0	4	56
One Parent Native Born	3	1	4	1	2	1	4	1	2	19
Both Parents Foreign Born	44	33	29	31	23	16	20	12	6	214
From English Speaking Homes	11	11	10	15	8	10	9	1	9	84
From Non-English Speaking Homes	42	33	32	25	23	17	18	12	3	205
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	79.25	75	76.19	62.5	74.19	62.96	66.67	92.3	25	70.93

BONDSVILLE.

Grade.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Total Number of Pupils	53	52	43	31	29	31	19	9	13	280
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	51	49	42	30	27	28	18	9	13	267
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	13
Both Parents Native Born	9	5	9	12	4	7	16	4	5	71
One Parent Native Born	4	4	3	1	5	3	3	5	8	36
Both Parents Foreign Born	40	43	31	18	20	21	0	0	0	173
From English Speaking Homes	11	9	10	11	11	8	10	5	11	86
From Non-English Speaking Homes	42	43	33	20	18	23	9	4	2	194
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	79.25	82.69	76.74	64.52	62	74.2	47.4	44.44	15.38	69.28

DISTRICTS.

Total Number of Pupils	32	17	20	21	1	3	94
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	31	17	19	20	1	3	91
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Both Parents Native Born	5	6	8	7	0	0	26
One Parent Native Born	7	4	2	4	0	0	17
Both Parents Foreign Born	20	7	10	10	1	3	51
From English Speaking Homes	25	13	16	18	0	0	72
From Non-English Speaking Homes	7	4	4	3	1	3	22
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	31.25	23.53	20	14.28	100	100	23.41

ALL GRADES—SUMMARY.

Exclusive of High School.

Grade.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Total Number of Pupils	292	246	234	211	165	164	131	84	89	1616
Pupils Born in U. S. A.	280	233	224	199	151	157	125	82	86	1537
Pupils Not Born in U. S. A.	12	13	10	12	14	7	6	2	3	79
Both Parents Native Born	55	52	75	70	50	53	55	30	44	484
One Parent Native Born	27	24	27	18	20	17	22	23	17	195
Both Parents Foreign Born	210	170	132	123	95	94	54	31	28	937
From English Speaking Homes	105	89	103	110	75	77	76	55	76	766
From Non-English Speaking Homes	187	157	131	101	90	87	55	29	13	850
Per Cent. from Non-English Speaking Homes	60.95	63.82	56	47.87	54.54	53.05	42	34.52	14.83	52.6

COMBINED UPPER GRADES.

One change that would strengthen our school system markedly would be the establishment of a central grammar school, sometimes called an Intermediate School or Junior High School, for the accommodation of all pupils in town in Grades 8 and 9, and later, possibly, Grade 7. This policy of caring for the upper grade pupils has two distinct merits locally: (1) It would relieve congestion in all of the village grammar schools; (2) it would make the school work more efficient.

This plan, in a somewhat similar way, is being carried out in many places. It has been in operation sufficiently long to be beyond the merely experimental stage. By those who know boys and girls at these ages, its wisdom is not questioned. Not only is it better fitted to the pupils at this stage of life, but also it better fits them for later life.

The conditions confronting pupils who pass from elementary to high schools, with their attendant dangers, are ably set forth in this extract:

"The causes of the gap between grammar and high school are: Change from one building to another; change in studies; change in methods of study; change in methods of recitation; change in method and spirit of discipline; change in the pupil himself; change in quality of teaching; and deficient preparation.

"The change from one building to another involves the getting acquainted with new scenes, new faces, and above all, new teachers. The pupil is confused by these changes. He is unable to do good work. Before he has become adjusted he has lost more ground than he is able to regain.

"Algebra, Latin, Physical Geography, and English are almost as strange to the pupil as though they had no connection with what he had previously studied. The information contained in them is more technical and formal. Every lesson must be thoroughly prepared or the following lesson cannot be mastered. Then, too, these new subjects make

larger demands upon the imagination and power of reasoning.

"The pupil no longer finds that his teachers are in such close touch with his work that they can tell him just what he should be studying at a given time. His study-room teacher may not be a specialist in that subject in which he needs assistance. It is not as convenient to get help as formerly, so he postpones the matter or slides over it in a superficial manner. This results in disaster.

"The method of recitation in high school frequently militates against the success of the pupil. There is more of the topical method. He is not likely to be called on so frequently, and has a better opportunity to escape a thorough knowledge of each day's assignment.

"Upon his arrival in the high school, the pupil is made to feel that he is called upon to govern himself. He is thrown more on his own responsibility. He must learn to study independently as well as with a teacher at his elbow; must have accuracy as an ideal; must be faithful and persevering; and by his own initiative must renounce present pleasure for future joys. He is more frequently dealt with according to the letter of the law and less frequently according to the spirit. Under this regime he is likely to feel that his teachers do not understand him and have but little sympathy for him. He becomes dissatisfied and unhappy, and will soon quit attending school unless he has some very potent motives for continuing the work.

"These changes, with their attendant burdens and disturbing influences, come as a heavy drain upon many pupils at an age when they are least able to bear such a strain. They have just entered upon a period of rapid growth, and are well advanced in adolescence—the storm and stress period of life. Any extra taxing of their endurance or nerves may prove to be the straw that breaks the camel's back."

Briefly stated, the advantages are these:—(1) Differentiation of courses; (2) departmental work; (3) promotion

by subject; (4) more effective teaching; (5) better discipline; (6) fewer withdrawals from school; (7) possible saving of a year of schooling.

A full discussion of this subject would require lengthy exposition. It would demand a setting forth of the physiological factors involved; it would require a complete study of the characteristics of pupils at this stage of life; and then it would entail a long account of a pedagogical attempt to meet these transitional periods most effectively. Without any attempt to prove, it is safe to say that such conditions are physiological facts and must be pedagogically met.

A brief study of enrollments in our upper grades will be helpful in considering this proposition. Whereas this change, if carried into effect, would doubtless involve only Grades 8 and 9 at present, the enrollments of the last three grades are given.

ENROLLMENT.

	Grade 7.	Grade 8.	Grade 9.	Total.
Palmer,	53	40	49	142
Three Rivers,	37	22	17	76
Thorndike,	28	13	12	53
Bondsville,	21	19	13	53
	<hr/> 139	<hr/> 94	<hr/> 91	<hr/> 324

Were Grades 8 and 9 combined, such a combination would make a school of one hundred eighty-five (185) pupils. It would relieve the present Palmer building of eighty-nine (89) pupils, making two rooms available; the Three Rivers building of thirty-nine pupils, making one (1) room available; the Thorndike building of twenty-five (25) pupils, making one (1) room available; the Bondsville building of thirty-two (32) pupils, making one (1) room available. With the possible exception of Three Rivers, these additional rooms would allow for some expansion of enrollment in our lower grades.

The three main objections that would have to be met are these:— (1) Some would object to the necessity of trans-

portation; (2) some would question the expense of furnishing something warm for lunch; (3) others would seriously oppose the absence of their children from home for so long a time.

The first and second objections can be met. The expense of transportation for the present pupils in Grades 8 and 9 would be twenty-four dollars (\$24) per week, or nine hundred twelve dollars (\$912) per year. The cost of furnishing something warm in the way of a soup or drink would not be as expensive as it seems.

The third objection is the hard one to satisfy. It can be met, but, in many cases, not satisfied. Many people would seriously feel that their children ought not be away from home so long during the day. Yet, they would feel so because they have not been accustomed to it. There are many pupils now living on the outskirts of the several villages who bring their lunch and stay during the noon hour. In the Palmer building alone, there is an average of seventy (70) pupils, and on cold or rainy days this number will run up to one hundred (100), who do this very thing. Pupils above fourth (4th) grade are now transported from the Wire Mill School; above fourth (4th) grade from the Palmer Center School; above sixth (6th) grade from the Shorley School; and all pupils living in the Forest Lake and Mason Districts are transported. Surely, pupils in Grades 8 and 9, who are so much older than many of those just named, could do this without serious inconvenience or hardship. A fair trial would eliminate most of this unwillingness. After a year's practice, it would be taken as a matter of course.

This proposition of combining Grades 8 and 9 merits serious and fair consideration. Whether it meets with favor or not to-day, it will eventually be put into force, because it is based upon sound pedagogical and physiological principles.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are offered:

- (1). That serious and careful consideration be given the establishment of a Combined Upper Grades plan.
- (2). That the inclusion of a gymnasium in the next school building erected in Palmer be urged.
- (3). That some "follow-up" scheme be added to the present Medical Inspection Work.
- (4). That the present School Extension Work be continued and further broadened as need and opportunity, with due regard to financial ability, present themselves.

CONCLUSION.

An attempt to individualize this report has been made. Six subjects only have been dealt with; and two of these were treated upon briefly, Attendance and Commercial Department. The main drive has been upon Cost, Extension Work, Medical Inspection, and Combined Upper Grades. The treatment of Cost and Extension Work, while seemingly largely a matter of accounting for things done in the past, is given as a possible vindication. The hopes for the future are registered in the enlargement upon Medical Inspection and Combined Upper Grades.

The continued active co-operation and thoughtful consideration of the School Committee, the hearty support of citizens and parents, the firm loyalty and active efforts of the teachers, the healthy spirit and friendliness of the pupils, all have contributed greatly to whatever success crowned the efforts of the schools this year past. Taken as a whole, without any conscious feeling of egotism, it is a fair statement to make when it is said that Palmer has been extremely blessed with a combined good spirit upon the part of all component parts of a successful school system—committee, parents, pupils, and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools.

Palmer, Mass, December 12, 1916.

Appendix

A. GENERAL STATISTICS.

I. Population.

Census of 1910,	8,610
School Population, September 1, 1915, 5 to 15 years of age,	1,474
School population, September 1, 1916, 5 to 15 years of age,	1,767

II. Pupils.

Number of children in town, September 1, as taken from the school census and registers;

	1914-15	1915-16
Between ages of 7 and 14,	868	1,269
Aggregate enrollment, Sept. to June,	1,788	1,921
Average daily attendance,	1,582.2	1,644.2
Average number belonging,	1,640.54	1,709.17
Per Cent of attendance,	96.44	96.2
Average number of pupils to each teacher:		
In the High School,	21.88	20
In the other schools,	40.33	37.04

B. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS.

I. Attendance by Schools, 1915-16.

Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrollment
High,	158.3	152.43	96.3	10	180
Palmer Grammar,	502.83	486.61	95.57	48	581
Thorndike Grammar,	274.89	265.14	96.51	7	306
Bondsville Grammar,	283.71	274.17	96.81	11	299
Three Rivers Grammar,	398.8	380.5	95.42	41	457
Wire Mill,	48.64	45.84	92.66	26	54
Palmer Center,	28.3	26.2	92.6	5	30
Shorley,	13.62	13.25	97.28	3	14
Total,	1,709.09	1,644.14	96.2	151	1,921

II. Per Cent. of Attendance by Buildings.
1915—1916.

School.	Per Cent.
Shorley,	97.28
Bondsville,	96.81
Thorndike,	96.51
High,	96.3
Palmer,	95.57
Three Rivers,	95.42
Wire Mill,	92.66
Palmer Center,	92.6

III. Distribution of Pupils by Classes in Schools,
November 1, 1916.

	Palmer	Three Rivers	Thorndike	Bondsville	Wire Mill	Center	Shorley	High	Total
Grade I,	68	85	52	53	24	4	4		290
Grade II,	65	69	46	50	11	6	1		248
Grade III,	66	63	45	42	8	9	2		235
Grade IV,	68	50	41	34	12	6	2		213
Grade V,	63	45	30	29			1		168
Grade VI,	65	39	26	32			3		165
Grade VII,	53	37	28	21					139
Grade VIII,	40	22	13	9					84
Grade IX,	49	17	12	13					91
Freshman,								71	71
Sophomore,								14	14
Junior,								50	50
Senior,								27	27
Post Graduate,								9	9
Total	537	427	293	283	55	25	13	171	1,804

IV. Age and Grade Distribution Table in
Elementary Schools, November 1, 1916.

Age	GRADE.									Total
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
5	128	2								130
6	101	71	7							179
7	<u>45</u>	106	55	5						211
8	13	<u>40</u>	79	58	4					194
9	0	23	<u>49</u>	66	37	2				177
10	2	3	<u>30</u>	<u>42</u>	55	40	3			175
11	0	2	5	<u>16</u>	<u>28</u>	50	44	1		146
12	0	0	5	11	<u>30</u>	<u>40</u>	50	32	3	171
13	0	1	2	10	9	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>	34	39	150
14	0	0	3	2	5	7	10	<u>11</u>	24	62
15	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	4	<u>16</u>	27
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	<u>7</u>	9
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total,	290	248	235	213	168	165	139	84	91	1633
Above Normal Age,	16	29	45	42	44	33	11	6	9	235
Per Cent. Above Normal Age,	5.52	11.69	19.49	19.72	26.19	20	7.91	7.14	9.89	14.39

The figures printed above the black line indicate the number of pupils within and below the normal grade age.

V. Record of Permanent Withdrawals and Reasons of
Pupils from September, 1915 to July, 1916.

	High	Palmer	Thorndike	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Districts	Total			
Removal from Town,	9	49	17	13	14	7	109			
Going to Work,	21	6	15	11	11	1	65			
Illness,	2	2	4	6	2	4	20			
Failure to Do Work,	1						1			
Death,		1		1			2			
Immaturity,					1		1			
Total,	290	248	235	213	168	165	139	84	91	1,633

VI. Average Number of Pupils per Teacher
in the Palmer Public Schools,
November 1, 1915 and 1916.

School.	Enrollment.		No. of Teachers.		Av. No. Pupils per Teacher.	
	1916	1915	1916	1915	1916	1915
High,	171	174	9	9	19	19.33
Three Rivers Grammar,	427	406	10	9	42.7	45.11
Palmer Grammar,	537	526	12	12	44.75	43.83
Thorndike Grammar,	293	288	8	7	36.63	41.14
Bondsville Grammar,	283	294	8	8	35.37	36.75
Shorley,	13	14	1	1	13	14
Palmer Center,	25	27	1	1	25	27
Wire Mill,	55	50	2	2	27.5	25
All Schools,	1,804	1,779	51	49	35.37	36.31
High,	171	174	9	9	19	19.33
Grades,	1,540	1,514	38	36	40.52	42.06
Districts,	93	91	4	4	23.25	22.75

C. PROMOTION STATISTICS.
Year Ending June, 1916.

I. Promotions in the Grades.

GRADE	No. of pupils in Grade in June	Promoted Un-conditionally	Promoted Con-ditionally	Not Promoted.	Per Cent Not Promoted.
9	74	72	2	0	0
8	97	83	12	2	2.06
7	96	81	11	4	4.16
6	151	118	25	8	5.3
5	167	141	20	6	3.59
4	180	152	15	13	7.22
3	230	170	28	32	13.91
2	243	190	18	35	1.44
1	295	209	19	67	22.71
	1,533	1,216	150	167	10.89

II. Reasons Ascribed by Teacher for Failure of Promotion.

	Number of Pupils	Per Cent
Inability,	65	38 154-167
Lack of Concentration,	21	12 96-167
Immaturity,	16	9 97-167
Inattentiveness,	14	8 64-167
Inability to Speak English,	11	6 98-167
Mentally Deficient,	9	5 65-167
Lack of Application,	4	2 66-167
Absence,	4	2 66-167
Illness,	4	2 66-167
Late Entrance,	3	1 133-167
Absence and Inability,	2	1 33-167
Inattention and Poor Preparation,	2	1 33-167
Nervousness,	1	.5 165-167
Nervousness and Immaturity,	1	.5 165-167
Laziness,	1	.5 165-167
Peculiar Nature,	1	.5 165-167
Inability to Speak English and Peculiar Nature,	1	.5 165-167
Mentally Deficient and Absence,	1	.5 165-167
Lack of Effort,	1	.5 165-167
Mentally Deficient and Laziness,	1	.5 165-167
Inability and Laziness,	1	.5 165-167
Inability and Illness,	1	.5 165-167
Inability and Defective Hearing,	1	.5 165-167
Poor Preparation,	1	.5 165-167
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III. Repeaters In The Grades. November 1, 1916.

Grade	Number Belonging.	Number Repeating.	Percentage Repeating.
1	290	67	23.1
2	248	32	12.9
3	235	27	11.49
4	213	12	5.63
5	169	6	3.55
6	164	4	2.43
7	139	1	.71
8	84	0	0
9	91	0	0
	<hr/> 1,633	<hr/> 149	<hr/> 9.12

IV. Repeaters In The High School
By Subjects.
November 1, 1916.

Number Repeating.	Name of Subject.
6	Latin I
4	Latin II
2	Science I
1	Science III
6	English I
1	English II
1	French I
3	Shorthand I
2	Algebra

D. EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES.

Total Number Issued Past Year.

Employment (Ages 14-16),	314
Literate (Ages 16-21),	410
Illiterate (Ages 16-21),	198
Home Permit (Ages 14-16),	10
Education Permit,	11
Vacation Certificates,	1
Total	<hr/> 944

E. PENNY SAVINGS.

YEAR.	DEPOSITS.
1912	\$2,579.82
1913	2,789.23
1914	2,985.95
1915	1,772.23
1916	2,070.30
	<hr/> 5 years
Average Yearly Deposit,	<hr/> \$12,197.53 \$2,439.51

F. TABLES OF COMPARISON.

I. COMPARISON OF ATTENDANCE FOR TEN YEARS.

Year	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1906-7	1,039.24	982	94.49
1907-8	1,151.19	1,094.03	95
1908-9	1,193.56	1,130.3	94.7
1909-10	1,243.38	1,157.35	95
1910-11	1,298.9	1,244.56	95.23
1911-12	1,411.33	1,333.62	94.49
1912-13	1,433.71	1,372.99	95.76
1913-14	1,526.97	1,471.52	96.37
1914-15	1,640.54	1,582.20	96.44
1915-16	1,709.09	1,644.14	96.2

II. COMPARISON OF TARDINESS FOR TEN YEARS . Ten Years Compared.

	'06-7	'07-8	'08-9	'09-10	'10-11	'11-12	'12-13	'13-14	'14-15	'15-16
High School	51	222	161	230	322	85	22	9	29	10
Palmer Grammar	149	327	344	158	178	83	86	48	48	48
Three Rivers Grammar	32	106	108	126	165	63	47	35	33	41
Thorndike Grammar	26	27	45	56	104	31	14	8	10	7
Bondsville Grammar	19	28	21	25	29	16	13	6	11	11
Wire Mill	14	..	52	46	61	51	11	12	21	26
Center	17	37	19	28	12	9	2	2	3	5
Shorley	..	..	..	8	26	32	8	3	4	3
	308	747	750	727	907	431	203	123	159	151

III. TABLE OF COST—

	1907-8	1908-9
Total	\$27,801.07	\$32,257.23
Average Membership	1,039.24	1,151.19
Average Attendance	982	1,094.03
Cost per pupil based on average membership	\$26.75	\$28.02
Cost per pupil based on average attendance	\$28.31	\$29.48
	†1914	1915
General Expenses	\$2,452.79	\$2,982.08
Teachers' Salaries	18,869.14	25,293.18
Text Books, Supplies	2,212.99	1,971.55
Transportation	2,294.00	2,635.40
Janitors' Services	2,067.25	2,517.50
Fuel and Light	3,205.61	3,680.17
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	913.48	1,323.95
Repairs of School Buildings	1,195.53	505.20
Music, Manual Training and Drawing	1,849.58	1,895.48
Other Expenses	894.69	1,098.52
Furniture and Furnishings	843.18	937.44
Rent	104.50	22.50
Commercial	2,603.46	2,840.49
Total	\$39,506.20	\$47,694.46
Evening Schools		885.73
Vacation School		\$48,580.19
Average Membership	1,584.16	1,671.26
Average Attendance	1,534.44	1,617.31
Cost per pupil based on average membership excluding evening and vacation schools	\$24.94	\$28.54
Cost per pupil based on average membership including evening and vacation schools		\$29.06
Cost per pupil based on average attendance ex- cluding evening and vacation schools	\$25.74	\$29.49
Cost per pupil based on average attendance including evening and vacation schools		\$30.03

†† We have earned from tuition and interest on funds about \$2,489.63; this would reduce the actual cost per pupil to \$28.60 and \$29.44, respectively.

† Short fiscal year—ten months only.

Owing to a change in the classification of accounts made three years ago, it has been possible to compare in detail the expenses of the last three years only. The amount expended annually is given for the previous seven years.

TEN YEARS COMPARED.

1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	1912-13	1913-14
\$30,744.50	\$35,950.30	\$38,177.54	\$40,060.21	\$43,236.15
1,193.56	1,243.38	1,298.9	1,411.33	1,433.71
1,130.3	1,157.35	1,244.56	1,333.62	1,372.99
\$25.76	\$28.91	\$29.39	\$28.38	\$30.15
\$27.20	\$31.06	\$30.68	\$30.03	\$31.49
1916				
\$3,140.73				
26,996.07				
2,338.14				
2,723.68				
2,579.01				
4,113.00				
922.05				
1,627.78				
1,971.94				
910.16				
596.73				
175.00				
3,577.48				
51,671.77				
1,349.45				
94.07				
\$53,115.29				
1,719.17				
1,650.00				
\$30.06††				
\$30.90††				
\$31.31				
\$32.19				

IV. COST PER SCHOOL.

	High	Palmer	Thornlike	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Total
General Expenses,	\$15.00	\$31.50	\$24.50	\$51.00	\$29.00	\$10.00	\$2,979.73	\$3,140.73
Teachers' Salaries,	5,624.00	6,116.77	3,953.55	5,232.92	4,067.73	1,999.10	.....	26,996.07
Text Books, Supplies,	660.57	540.32	310.27	476.00	185.92	134.81	30.19	2,338.14
Transportation,	898.25	1,403.43	50.50	11.00	22.50	338.00	.....	2,723.68
Janitors' Services,	550.00	550.00	410.00	524.00	440.00	105.01	.....	2,579.01
Fuel and Light,	1,016.78	1,047.99	752.55	466.88	641.82	179.48	7.50	4,113.00
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds,	206.97	313.76	106.45	119.25	154.93	20.67	.....	922.05
Repairs of School Buildings,	98.92	1,057.23	370.30	20.00	34.15	47.18	.....	1,627.78
Music, Manual Training and Drawing,	216.40	458.81	388.52	410.86	379.87	117.48	.....	1,971.94
Other Expenses,	304.95	157.45	121.13	136.43	112.03	78.17	.....	910.16
Furniture and Furnishings,	61.33	22.95	151.52	264.64	.....	32.80	63.49	596.73
Rent.	.....	.....	.....	175.00	.....	.....	.....	175.00
Commercial,	3,577.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,577.48
Day,	\$13,230.65	\$11,700.23	\$6,641.29	\$7,888.04	\$6,067.95	\$3,062.70	\$3,080.91	\$51,671.77
*Evening,	454.10	52.57	218.50	356.64	267.64	.....	.....	1,349.45
Vacation,	.....	94.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94.07
Total,	\$13,684.75	\$11,846.87	\$6,859.79	\$8,244.68	\$6,335.59	\$3,062.70	\$3,080.91	\$53,115.29
Average Membership,	156.60	512.91	276.60	400.82	281.47	90.77	1,719.17	1,719.17
Cost per pupil, based on av. Membership,	\$84.49	\$22.81	\$24.01	\$19.68	\$21.56	\$33.74	\$1.79	\$30.06

*The expenses under Evening Schools are for the fiscal year from January, 1916, to January, 1917. This includes the twenty-eight nights that these schools were in operation during the past school year and eighteen during the present school year, making forty-six in all.

V. COST PER PUPIL PER ACCOUNT BASED ON AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.

Accounts	High	Palmer	Thorndike	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Total
General Expenses	\$.10	\$.06	\$.09	\$.13	\$.10	\$.11	\$ 1.73	\$ 1.83
Teachers' Salaries	35.91	11.93	14.30	13.06	14.45	22.02	—	15.70
Text Books and Supplies	4.22	1.05	1.12	1.18	.67	1.49	.02	1.36
Transportation	5.74	2.74	.18	.03	.079	3.72	—	1.58
Janitors' Services	3.51	1.07	1.48	1.31	1.56	1.16	.04	1.50
Fuel and Light	6.49	2.04	2.72	1.16	2.28	1.98	—	2.39
Main. Building and Grounds	1.32	.61	.39	.30	.55	.23	—	.54
Repairs of School Building	.63	2.06	1.34	.05	.12	.52	—	.95
Music, Manual Training and Drawing	1.38	.90	1.40	1.03	1.35	1.29	—	1.15
Other Expenses	1.95	.31	.44	.34	.398	.86	—	.53
Furniture and Furnishings	.39	.04	.55	.66	—	.36	.04	.35
Rent	—	—	—	.43	—	—	—	.10
Commercial	22.85	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.08
Total	\$84.49	\$22.81	\$24.01	\$19.68	\$21.56	\$33.74	\$ 1.79	\$30.06

